



Awards Program

The Thoracic Surgery Foundation 2018 Awards Program

Applications Open: July 15, 2017

Awards Deadline: October 15, 2017: 11:59 pm CT

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RESEARCH

TSF Research Award

Operational support of original research efforts by cardiothoracic surgeons who have completed their formal training, and who are seeking initial support and recognition for the research program. Awards of up to \$40,000 per year for up to two years are granted to support the work of an early-career cardiothoracic surgeon (within seven years of first faculty appointment at time of application deadline).

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STS Research Award

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TSF Resident Research Fellowship Award

This award provides up to \$30,000 per year for up to two years to support the research fellowship of a resident who has not yet completed cardiothoracic surgical training. During the fellowship, the resident will work in a cardiothoracic surgical clinical or laboratory research program.

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Nina Starr Braunwald Research Award

Nina Starr Braunwald, MD was the first woman to be certified by the ABTS and the first woman to conduct open heart surgery. This award in her name provides operational support of original research efforts by women cardiac surgeons who have completed their formal training, and who are seeking initial support and recognition for their research program. Since its inception, award recipients have gone on to become established leaders within the field and this award is one of the specialty's most prestigious research grants. Awards of up to \$40,000 per year for up to two years are made each year to support the work of an early-career woman cardiac surgeon (within five years of first faculty appointment).

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Nina Starr Braunwald Research Fellowship Award

Nina Starr Braunwald, MD was the first woman to be certified by the ABTS and the first woman to conduct open heart surgery. This award in her name supports up to \$30,000 per year for up to two years for a woman resident working in a cardiac surgical clinic or laboratory research program who has not yet completed cardiothoracic surgical training. Since its inception, fellowship recipients have gone on to become established leaders within the field. This is widely recognized as one of the specialty's most prestigious research fellowships.

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Southern Thoracic Surgical Association (STSA) Research Award

TSF, through the generosity and philanthropy of the STSA, is offering this award that will provide operational support of original research efforts by cardiothoracic surgeons who have completed their formal training and who are seeking initial support and recognition for their research program. Awards of up to \$25,000 for one year will be granted to support the work of an early-career cardiothoracic surgeon (within seven years of first faculty appointment at the time of application deadline). STSA membership is not required; however, applicants must meet STSA membership eligibility requirements.

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American Heart Association (AHA)/The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) Research Award*

STS (and its charitable arm, The Thoracic Surgery Foundation) is collaborating with the AHA to establish the AHA/STS Research Award. The purpose of the award is to provide support to investigators conducting research related to cardiothoracic surgery. Interested parties should submit an application directly through the AHA website, where the award details can be found. When the AHA application cycle opens, the link to apply will be provided here.

*Application Open: 07/1/17, Deadline: TBD

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EDUCATION

Michael J. Davidson Fellowship Award

Michael J. Davidson, MD was an outstanding cardiothoracic surgeon and teacher, who was murdered in January of 2015 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. This tragedy profoundly affected the cardiothoracic community and brought to light Dr. Davidson's achievements in mastering sophisticated catheter skills and advocating for a future that would meld the cardiac catheterization lab with the operating theater. This award in his name will provide annual support of \$25,000 for a deserving young early-career cardiothoracic surgeon (within seven years of first faculty appointment at the time of application deadline) committed to the vision of innovative and collaborative cardiovascular care that Dr. Davidson helped pioneer.

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Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship Award

Carolyn E. Reed, MD was a thoracic surgeon, an educator and successful researcher, who died early while still in her prime. She served as the first female Chair of the ABTS and was also President of the STSA and STS. This award in her name provides support of up to \$10,000 for a clinically-established woman thoracic or cardiac surgeon, or woman resident in her last year of cardiothoracic surgery residency, to travel to another institution for the purpose of learning a new skill or technology.

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Robert L. Replogle Traveling Fellowship Award

Robert L. Replogle, MD was a talented pediatric cardiac surgeon as well as an educator, researcher, and national leader in cardiothoracic surgery. The purpose of the Replogle Fellowship is to facilitate the continuing education of a deserving young faculty surgeon committed to the treatment of congenital heart disease in neonates, infants, children, and adults. The award will be used for travel to another institution for the purpose of learning a novel technique, adapting innovative technology, and or fostering collaboration between surgical investigators in order to further the progress of congenital heart surgery at the recipient's home institution. This award in Dr. Replogle's name will provide support of up to \$10,000 for up to two weeks for congenital heart surgeons who are within seven years of completion of

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SURGICAL OUTREACH MISSIONS

TSF/Edwards Lifesciences Foundation Every Heartbeat Matters Award

TSF, through the generosity and philanthropy of the Edwards Lifesciences Foundation via its Every Heartbeat Matters Campaign, is offering support of up to \$37,500 for qualified surgeons who conduct charity work in underserved regions/populations. This award is designed to provide support for programs that educate, screen and/or treat underserved populations to reduce the global burden of heart valve disease, or to support other programs that advance health care and address underserved populations.

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Levi Watkins Innovation and Leadership Development Scholarship

Levi Watkins, MD was an accomplished cardiothoracic surgeon and social activist at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, and made medical history by working with innovative physicians and engineers to implant the first automated internal cardiac defibrillator in a human-being. The Watkins Scholarship will provide a training and/or development grant to support travel to a center of excellence to acquire additional clinical, translational or leadership training to enhance skills and practice in an area of innovation or surgical significance. This award in his name will provide support of up to \$5,000 for up to two weeks for cardiothoracic surgeons who are within seven years of first faculty appointment, and who have demonstrated a record of overcoming social and personal hurdles in the early stages of career development as surgeons.

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TSF Alley-Sheridan Scholarship

Ralph Alley, MD was a Founding Member of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, and served as President from 1975-1976. David Sheridan was an inventor and close friend of Dr. Alley who held more than 50 patents for innovations that have improved health care. Moved by his collaborator and friend's commitment to thoracic surgery, Sheridan created the Alley-Sheridan Fund, which provides the following educational opportunities for cardiothoracic surgeons:

- Leadership Program in Health Policy Management*: TSF offers up to ten partial scholarships of \$2,500 towards the \$5,600 cost to attend the Leadership Program at the Heller School of Public Policy and Management at Brandeis University.
**Application Deadline: 02/08/17*
- Surgeons as Educators Course*: TSF will support up to two scholarships of \$2,500 towards the cost of tuition to attend the Surgeons As Educators Course hosted by the American College of Surgeons.
**Application Deadline: TBD*

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