



## **TSF/Southern Thoracic Surgical Association (STSA) Research Award**

**Purpose:** 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.

**Funding:** 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 time of application deadline). This grant is made possible by the [Southern Thoracic Surgical Association](#). The first award payment will be made in July of 2018 (50%) and the second and final installment (50%) will be made in February of 2019 upon completion of a satisfactory progress report, which will be approved by the TSF Research Committee.

### **Eligibility:**

- Cardiothoracic surgeons who are certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery or its equivalent in a country outside of the United States, or who will be certified by the grant start date.
- Cardiothoracic surgeons who currently practice or have previously practiced cardiothoracic surgery for at least one consecutive year, have completed a thoracic surgery or general surgery residency program, or have completed a thoracic or cardiovascular research or clinical fellowship for at least one consecutive year in one of the following states or regions: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, or the U.S. territories and commonwealths in the Caribbean.
- Note: STSA membership is not required.

**Application Selection:** The TSF/STSA Research grant applications will be initially reviewed and evaluated by the [TSF Research Committee](#). The Committee will make a formal recommendation for funding to the TSF Board of Directors.

**Required Application Materials:** *(Must contain all of the following criteria)*

- Completed [online application](#)
- Applicant's NIH Biosketch (pdf)
- Mentor/Sponsor's NIH Biosketch (pdf)
- 2 Letters of Support (pdf)
- Budget (pdf)
- Applicant's Photo (jpeg)
- Optional: Other relevant data, such as figures, additional letters of support, etc. (pdf)

### **Timeline:**

- Applications Open: 7/15/17
- Application Deadline: 10/15/17

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### **Previous TSF/STSA Research Award Recipients**



**Bradley G. Leshnower, MD**  
2016 TSF/STSA Research Award  
Emory University School of Medicine  
*"The Search for the Optimal Cerebral Protection Strategy During Aortic Arch Replacement: A Pilot Study"*



**Anson M. Lee, MD**  
2017 TSF/STSA Research Award  
Stanford University School of Medicine  
*"Identifying the Common Final Pathway in Post-Operative Atrial Fibrillation With Transcriptome Profiling"*

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