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The Thoracic Surgery Foundation Announces “Top 20” Institutional Honor Roll

Twenty institutions top the list for the most cardiothoracic surgery research and education grants funded by TSF

CHICAGO, IL (July 22, 2021) – The Thoracic Surgery Foundation (TSF) has announced its “Top 20” Institutional Honor Roll for 2021. TSF, which is the charitable arm of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS), provides awards for cardiothoracic surgery research, education, leadership, and surgical outreach in underserved patients. So far in 2021, the Foundation has distributed \$861,870 in awards and scholarships. The Foundation plans to award additional grants later in the year. The TSF “Top 20” most funded institutions since 1993 are:

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| #1 University of Pittsburgh | #11 Massachusetts General Hospital |
| #2 University of Pennsylvania | #12 Brigham and Women’s Hospital |
| #3 Washington University | #13 University of Toronto |
| #4 University of California San Francisco | #14 University of Colorado |
| #5 Johns Hopkins Hospital | #15 Baylor College of Medicine |
| #6 University of Virginia | #16 Medical College of Wisconsin |
| #7 University of Washington | #17 University of Cincinnati |
| #8 Tie - University of California Los Angeles | #18 Duke University |
| #8 Tie - Stanford University | #19 Roswell Park Cancer Center |
| #10 University of Michigan | #20 Northwestern Memorial Hospital |

“We want to congratulate each of these institutions for achieving TSF Top 20 Honor Roll status. This status signals the strength of their cardiothoracic surgery programs, faculty, and staff,” said TSF President Joseph E. Bavaria, MD. “Each TSF funding application is thoroughly analyzed and scored by rigorous peer review, without bias or conflict of interest. The TSF Research Committee is composed of more than 46 appointed surgeon-scientist leaders who are actively practicing at medical institutions across the U.S. and Canada. The contributions of award recipients at these Top 20 institutions to cardiothoracic surgery and our patients is significant.”

The Foundation’s 2022 Award cycle launched on July 1, 2021. TSF enthusiastically welcomes applications from qualified cardiothoracic surgeons and residents, employed at any institution with a cardiothoracic surgery program. Award offerings and applications can be accessed at www.thoracicsurgeryfoundation.org/awards. The deadline for most TSF Award applications is September 15, 2021.

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The Thoracic Surgery Foundation is a pivotal force for growth and vitality in cardiothoracic surgery, especially for research and academic career development, awarding more than \$19 million in cardiothoracic surgery research and education grants. The Foundation was first established in 1988 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization and is the charitable arm of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS). The mission of TSF is to foster the development of surgeon scientists in cardiothoracic surgery; increasing knowledge and innovation to benefit patient care. If you would like to learn more about TSF grants or apply for a research or education award, please visit thoracicsurgeryfoundation.org.
