Partner with the AAOS International Scholarship Program

Improve the Quality of Orthopaedic Care Worldwide
Program overview – Global scope, local impact

The AAOS International Surgical Skills Scholarship program improves the quality and outcomes of orthopaedic care in developing countries through education. This rich clinical exchange helps international participants and U.S. hosts build rewarding, lifelong relationships through a shared love and practice of orthopaedics.

The international scholarship program annually recruits eligible applicants from every region of the world. Since its inception, the program has shaped the careers of aspiring orthopaedic leaders from countries with limited resources, and opened doors to unprecedented learning and mentoring opportunities. Overwhelmingly positive feedback from past recipients shows this program helps improve orthopaedic patient care in developing countries well after recipients return home.

With new partnerships and contributors, we hope to continue expanding the number of scholarship recipients and the depth and impact of their program experience.

The program experience

The AAOS International Committee awards scholarships to applicants who demonstrate a strong desire to implement positive change in their countries by sharing orthopaedic knowledge and best practices with their colleagues.

Scholarship recipients attend their choice of AAOS surgical skills courses in the United States. Taught by leading orthopedic surgeons, these courses offer a unique and in-depth balance of clinical instruction and hands-on practice.

Following the course, scholarship recipients spend time as observers in a high volume U.S. surgical center. There, recipients shadow their hosts, share knowledge, and build professional relationships with their U.S. colleagues.
“My observership at one of the best hospitals in the U.S. and learning from some of the best hand surgeons has been a most valuable experience which made me more ambitious and ready for a new step in my surgical career.”

– Marta Foteva, MD
Macedonia

“My colleagues and I enjoyed the opportunity to host Dr. Foteva and the chance to interchange information and surgical techniques. The AAOS International Scholarship program is a marvelous opportunity for future orthopaedic leaders throughout the world.”

– Jesse Jupiter, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
If you’d like to take a more “hands-on” role with the international scholarship program, consider hosting an international scholarship recipient at your facility. Observerships are between 3–5 days in length, and can include surgery, clinic, grand rounds, and participation in conferences and/or case discussions.

“Two months after [completing] the program, I was promoted to Orthopaedics Residency Coordinator, directly managing 33 residents. The AAOS scholarship gave me the chance to offer patients better and newer treatment options in trauma surgeries.”

– Evandro Pereira Palacio
Brazil
Shaping careers, changing lives

For recipients, the international scholarship program is life-changing. The experience arms international surgeons with new knowledge that positively impacts the care they provide to patients. Recipients return home ready to teach and train their colleagues, multiplying the benefits of the scholarship program.

Humanitarian exchange

Based on a shared love of orthopaedics, participants and hosts exchange knowledge, ideas, and approaches that may be crucial in limited resource situations. Hosts gain insight into orthopaedic clinical practice overseas, and build lasting relationships with recipients.

Fostering partnerships, increasing exposure

Your support of the international scholarship program helps foster lifetime bonds and partnerships in emerging markets. It also promotes favorable exposure for your organization among orthopaedic practitioners, professional medical organizations, and educational institutions overseas.

Lasting benefits

The benefits of the scholarship programs launch scholarship recipients to a new level of expertise, which lasts a lifetime. Past scholars return home to share what they have learned with numerous colleagues, therefore spreading the knowledge they have gained throughout their country. AAOS continues to nurture and support our growing alumni community, with new types of customized programs that help to meet their ongoing professional development needs.

Dr. Hyzan Yosuf, Malaysia, in the Surgical Treatment Methods for Knee Injuries and Disorders course.
**Expand our reach, contribute today**

Join AAOS in bringing the global orthopaedic community together by supporting the AAOS International Scholarship Programs that nourish future leaders in orthopaedics.

**Contribution**

Contribute to the **AAOS International Scholarship Fund** and help orthopaedic surgeons in countries and/or regions with limited resources gain orthopaedic knowledge and improve the quality of musculoskeletal patient care.

Your contribution will help cover costs associated with air travel, lodging, food, education event registration and a stipend for scholarship recipients.

**Mentoring**

Become a mentor – host an observership program and build life-long bonds and partnerships in the global orthopaedic community.

**Recognition**

Your generous contribution will be highlighted on the Academy’s website [www.aaos.org](http://www.aaos.org), in the AAOS Annual Meeting Final Program, and articles recognizing scholarship recipients in *AAOS Now*. You will be also acknowledged in print, email, and online materials related to the program.

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Additional information about the scholarship program can be found at: [www.aaos.org/internationalscholarship](http://www.aaos.org/internationalscholarship)
There is no question that our faculty became increasingly interested in international orthopedics as we bring scholars to our hospital. If we sent a team to Rwanda next month, I am sure I would have no problem recruiting surgeons or residents.

— Stefano Bini, MD
The Permanente Medical Group, Oakland, CA

The observership was extremely good: very informative, with open discussions that also involved an important note of patient safety, both practice and evidence-based. I am looking forward to sharing the information with my colleagues in Rwanda and in the region.

— Alex Buteera, MD
Rwanda

Scholarship recipients return home to share knowledge and skills with colleagues.
AAOS is grateful to the organizations and individuals who generously contributed to the International Scholarship Programs.

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