



THE JAPANESE ASSOCIATION FOR THORACIC SURGERY

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The 2nd JATS Asian travelling fellowship

Mission:

The Japanese Association for Thoracic Surgery Asian Travelling Fellowship offers travel grants to individuals presenting papers at the 71st Annual Scientific Meeting of the Japanese Association for Thoracic Surgery to be held in Tokyo during the period between October 3rd and 6th in order to foster the development and exchange of diverse ideas in the fields of cardiovascular, thoracic and esophageal surgery. .

Grant-making Focus:

Established in 1948, the Japanese Association for Thoracic Surgery is the oldest association of thoracic surgery in Japan. The Association has been a leading organization to cradle the development of thoracic surgery in Japan beginning in the latter half of the 1950s.

We are interested in researches that investigate the contemporary outlook and explore the future of thoracic surgery. We support innovative, thought-provoking investigations. Open discourse is essential to advance research activity and mutual understanding; therefore, our grant-making focuses on the international dissemination of ideas. With our support, the work of individuals attracts new audiences, and creates opportunities for scientific dialogue among Asian countries.

Priorities:

Our priorities are to:

- Provide opportunities to young Asian surgeons to create and develop a research regarding cardiovascular, thoracic and esophageal surgery that will contribute to their creative, intellectual, and professional careers.
- Support their efforts to take positions, develop new forms of expression, and engage debate.

- Help them communicate their work in the international realm and reach new and wider audiences.

Criteria for Evaluation

Given our priorities, we believe researches of the greatest potential should fulfill the following criteria:

- **Originality:** the basic or clinical research demonstrates an innovative, original, challenging idea; advanced scholarship; a new or creative approach
- **Potential for impact:** the research makes a contribution to discourse and/or to the field; expands knowledge; is a catalyst for future investigation; raises awareness of an unexplored issue.

Eligibility:

- Our grant-making focuses on medical doctors residing in the Asian countries that belong to the Asian Society for Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgery (ASCVTS). Please note we require that presentations be disseminated in English.

Asian surgeons who are temporarily working or studying abroad beside Japan are eligible.

Japanese physicians or researchers who are currently working in the Asian countries are not eligible.

- Applicant must submit his/her abstract submission number for the 71st Annual Meeting by the deadline for abstract submission.
- When the first author is not available to attend the annual meeting of JATS for any reason, one of his/her co-authors is eligible to receive the travel grant alternatively. An appropriate document for commitment is required to submit to the JATS headquarter on site.

Grant amount:

- Travel grant : Japanese ¥100,000/person, 10 presenters in total.
This grant is supposed to partially cover airfare and accommodation fee.
- Registration fee is exempted.

The application for the grant must include:

- Application form containing the submitted abstract number, brief curriculum vitae describing the history of applicant's subspecialty training, and statement which

describes the general area of research being pursued by the applicant.

- A letter of recommendation from the director at his/her institution will be required to be e-mailed to the headquarter of the JATS at the address below, after the applicant is selected as a candidate for this fellowship.

How to Apply;

- Eligible candidates interested in applying for a grant from the JATS Asian travelling fellowship must submit an Application Form which is available on our website and must be submitted online no later than May 7th , 2018.

Selection of grant recipients;

The Committee for international affair together with the congress chair of the annual meeting will select potential candidates and the Board of Directors decides the recipients.

The board chair shall announce award winners of the grants by posting on the website and also by an e-mail.