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Trainee Connection



New Blog Features Frank Reflections from Your Peers in Training

The Aspiring CT Surgeons Blog has launched to much celebration, prompting social discussions and enthusiasm from trainees to share their own observations. It's a forum for navigating the troubles and triumphs of medical school, residency, fellowship, and beyond—and for making connections with peers who might have had experiences like yours. [Watch the intro video](#), [start reading](#), and carry on the discussion with [#aspiringctsurgeons](#).



There's Still Time to Spotlight Your Work at STS 2023

Get your research and innovative techniques noticed at high-profile events where cardiothoracic surgeon leaders converge from all over the world. Abstract submission is still open for the [STS 59th Annual Meeting](#), to be held January 21–23 in San Diego, California. The deadline is next week, **July 22**, to submit materials for oral presentations, scientific posters, and surgical videos. STS will consider promissory abstracts (also due July 22) for Phase I, II, or III clinical trials for which data will be available later in the year. [Read the guidelines](#) and [start your submission now](#).



TSF Awards Can Fuel Your Future

Whether your passion is research, advanced training, international missions, or bringing a state-of-the-art program to your home institution, The Thoracic Surgery Foundation (TSF)—the charitable arm of STS—can help you launch the next phase in your career. TSF now is accepting applications for [scholarships, fellowships, and awards](#), and many of them offer unique opportunities for trainees. The application deadline for most awards is **September 15**.

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Scholarship Supports Personalized Mentoring at STS 2023

Looking for a glimpse at a career in cardiothoracic surgery? Outstanding medical students and general surgery residents are invited to apply for a Looking to the Future (LTTF) Scholarship, which provides complimentary travel and registration to the STS Annual Meeting, along with access to special programming and one-on-one time with a surgeon mentor. Scholarship applications open in August. Stay tuned at sts.org/lttf.

Lend Your Voice to Policy Reform at Advocacy Conference

Your peers in cardiothoracic surgery will meet with members of Congress and their staff during the [STS Advocacy Conference](#), September 13-14 in Washington, DC. Join them, and you'll have a seat at the table to let leaders know what matters most to cardiothoracic surgeons and your patients. [Scholarships are available](#)—the application is simple and the deadline is **this Friday, July 15**.



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