#### International Connection



#### There's Still Time to Spotlight Your Work at These STS Meetings

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 <u>STS 59th Annual Meeting</u>, to be held January 21–23 in San Diego,
  California. The deadline is <u>July 22</u> to submit materials for oral presentations,
  scientific posters, and surgical videos. The Society also will consider promissory
  abstracts (due <u>July 22</u>) for Phase I, II, or III clinical trials for which data will be
  available later in the year.
- The <u>19th Annual Perioperative and Critical Care Conference</u>, taking place September 8–10 in Denver, Colorado. This event is designed to enhance knowledge and expertise in cardiovascular and thoracic critical care as well as in enhanced recovery after surgery. Submissions are due next week—July 13.



#### **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 <a href="scholarships">scholarships</a>, fellowships, and <a href="awards">awards</a>, and many of them offer unique opportunities for International Members. The application deadline for most awards is **September 15**.

#### 2023 TSF Awards Program



Accepting Applications July 1, 2022

Apply:

thoracicsurgeryfoundation.org/awards





## Indian Residents: Saha Scholarship Deadline Is September 1

Developed with the support of Dr. Sibu P. Saha, the <u>TSF Saha Scholarship</u> allows two cardiothoracic surgery residents—one from North America and one from India—to attend the STS Annual Meeting. The costs for registration, lodging, meals, and transportation will be covered. Apply by **September 1** for this award, described by past scholars as a career-changing experience.

## Join Conversations Curated Especially for Aspiring CT Surgeons

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.

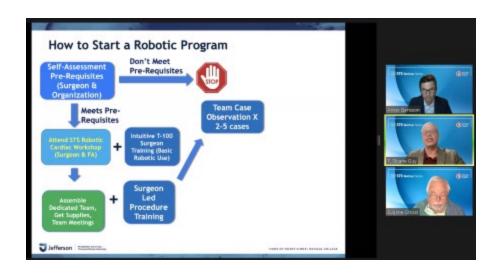


#### **Honing Your Leadership Talent? Nominate Yourself**

Each year, the Society invites members to volunteer their time and talents by serving in STS governance roles. The <u>self-nomination process</u> is expected to open in August, and STS encourages submissions from all practice types, career levels, disciplines, geographic areas, and other demographics. A full list of the Society's leadership and governance structure can be found at <u>sts.org/leadership</u>.

# **Get Expert Guidance on Building a Robotic Mitral Surgery Program**

"Robotic Mitral Valve Repair Essentials," featuring expert panelists Drs. Sloane Guy, Arnar Geirsson, Eugene Grossi, and Danny Ramzy, is available on the <u>STS YouTube channel</u>. The panel describes the necessary components of establishing a successful robotic mitral valve repair program at your organization—including gaining institutional buy-in, training pathways, patient selection, and technical considerations like choosing between an endo-balloon and a Chitwood clamp.





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