

ACFAS student resident Update



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Student Clubs: Submit Your Research Posters for ACFAS 2015

Are you ready to impress an audience of over 1,500 esteemed foot and ankle surgeons with your research? If so, ACFAS encourages members of our nine student clubs to submit scientific and case study format posters for presentation consideration at the 2015 Annual Scientific Conference in Phoenix, February 19–22.

To learn all of the rules for submission, visit acfas.org/phoenix. Please also note some recent changes to our submission requirements listed below:

- Scientific Format posters accepted for presentation at ACFAS 2015 must be submitted in both paper and PDF format, and poster size should not exceed 3.5 feet high x 7.5 feet wide.
- Only one ACFAS Student Club poster entry is accepted from each school. Student Club entries are to be a group effort, not an individual submission. Faculty members may not be listed as authors or co-authors of a Student Club poster. No other student posters with students listed as primary authors will be accepted for display.
- At least one of the poster authors must register for and attend ACFAS 2015 for their poster to be displayed.
- If you would like your research to be considered for presentation, submit your application and abstract by November 1, 2014.

ACFAS 2014 Student Club Poster Research Winners

Congratulations to all of the ACFAS Student Clubs who participated in the research poster contest at ACFAS 2014.

First Place: \$1,000

Location of the Deep Plantar Artery: A Cadaveric Study
College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines University – Iowa

Second Place: \$700

An Evaluation of Absolute Toe Pressure Used for Diabetic Limb Salvage: The Effect of Patient Positioning and Statistical Variability
Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine – Penn.

Third Place: \$500

Verrucous Carcinoma Following Transmetatarsal Amputation: A Case Report
Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine – IL

Best of luck to all of the ACFAS Student Clubs as you prepare for the 2015 poster contest! We look forward to seeing your entries in Phoenix.



DMU Student Club of Year: 4th Year in a Row!

Kudos to the ACFAS Student Club at Des Moines University (DMU) for being named the campus' Student Club of the Year for the fourth year in a row! The club earned this honor through a vote of the College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery's (CPMS) first- through third-year student body who chose the club they felt best embodied the goals of CPMS, while keeping in mind sponsored activities, educational experiences and service to the community.

What makes DMU stand out? It's their student involvement, interclub collaboration and hands-on exposures that enhance club members' experience.

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The chapter participated in monthly suture sessions with pigs' feet, as well as monthly co-sponsored Surgical Video/Journal Club meetings—where students viewed surgery videos provided by ACFAS—followed by Journal Club presentations, surgical skills workshops, physician presentations and volunteer opportunities.

John Yuhas, CPMS '16, one of the suture teaching assistants, said of his experience with the monthly suture sessions, "It was an excellent opportunity for students to come together and to teach one another the fundamental surgical skills that will be so crucial as we progress in our education."

Student Club President Jordan Gardner attributes the club's success over the past year to the involvement of many individuals, "The club could not have had the success it did this past year without the contributions from fellow presidency members, students, residents, faculty and community physicians who sacrificed time and resources throughout the year to better our education. We are grateful for their time and the expertise they shared."

Considering a Fellowship?

Making plans for after residency but not sure if you're ready to begin practice? Want the chance to further hone your surgical skills or to potentially specialize in sports medicine or research? ACFAS highly recommends the continuation of foot and ankle surgical education after residency in the form of a specialized fellowship. To foster high-quality fellowship programs through support, recognition and visibility, the ACFAS Board of Directors approved the "ACFAS Recognized Fellowship" initiative in 2011. Programs meeting minimal requirements are officially recognized by the College, which will in turn provide support for these recognized programs through events, meetings and visibility. Many of the programs have application deadlines in the fall of that year.

Want to learn more on fellowships? ACFAS offers free educational podcasts through acfas.org/e-Learning:

- Foot and Ankle Fellowships...Why They Might Be Right for You
- Starting a Successful Fellowship Along an Existing Residency
- What is Fellowship Like: By Fellows, for Fellows

Visit acfas.org/fellowshipinitiative for a full listing of available fellowships recognized by the College.

Webinar Shows Residents How to Maximize Their ACFAS Membership

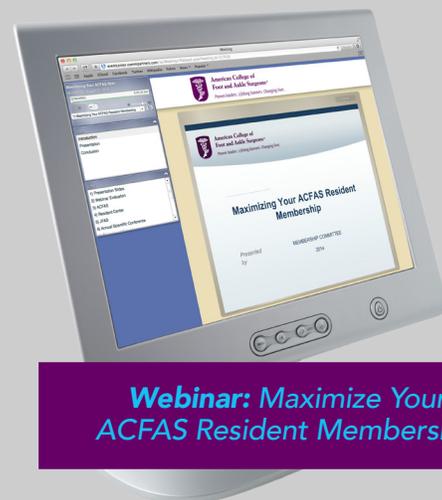
As an ACFAS resident member, are you maximizing your membership to its full capacity? Did you know you have access to many of the same benefits as full College members? Start taking advantage of your membership and have all your questions about member benefits answered by watching the recently presented resident-only webinar, "Maximizing Your ACFAS Resident Membership."

Led by two resident members, Eoin Gorman, DPM, PGY-3, of Columbia St. Mary's in Milwaukee, WI, and Corey Fidler, DPM, PGY-3, of Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC, the 30-minute recorded program walks residents through the many benefits ACFAS resident members enjoy, including:

- Free first-year membership in the College
- Valuable educational resources
- Access to PodiatryCareers.org for job hunting
- Free online access to the *Journal of Foot & Ankle Surgery*
- Member-exclusive discounts
- Ability to connect with more than 7,000 experienced foot and ankle surgeons
- Residents-only portal on acfas.org
- And many more!

According to Drs. Gorman and Fidler, having a membership in the College as a resident is invaluable. "With access to so many educational resources provided by ACFAS, including courses, videos, lectures and *Journal* articles, it has really been a great supplement to my residency experience" says Dr. Gorman.

Listen to more of what Drs. Gorman and Fidler have to say about ACFAS offerings by watching the webinar at your convenience at acfas.org/residents. If you have further questions about joining the College or your membership, contact the Membership Department at terry.wilkinson@acfas.org or visit the Resident Center at acfas.org/residents.



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