

Getting Involved/Becoming a Leader in the Field: Follow the River and You'll Find the Sea

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Why?

ALTRUISM

- The belief in or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others

SERVANT LEADER

- A leadership style that prioritizes the growth, well-being, and empowerment of an organization.
- Your profession
- Your colleagues
- Your patients!!

Why?



Transform your passion into impact



Contribute to shaping the future



Network with industry leaders



Gain valuable insight

What?

- Community impact
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Collaborative initiatives
 - Enhance public health
- Professional growth
 - Accelerate your career
 - Access to educational resources and new innovations
 - Mentorship

What?

- Networking
 - Connect with like-minded professionals
 - Build a strong network of colleagues and mentors
 - Participating in advancing your profession
- Advocacy and Influence
 - Be the voice of change
 - Participate in policy discussions
 - Influence healthcare decisions
 - Contribute to shaping the healthcare landscape

What?

- Education and Training
 - Stay forefront of your field
 - Conferences
 - Workshops
- Recognition
 - Stand out in your field
 - Gain recognition for your contributions, research and achievements

HOW??

- Start local
 - Professional organization, Hospital, Community, Residency programs
- Regional
 - State Organization/Component, ACFAS Region
- National
 - ACFAS, APMA, NBPME, CPME, ABFAS
- Industry
 - Local, Regional, National

ACFAS Supports You!

- Member engagement and resources at all levels
- Students
 - Student Chapter, Workshops, Podcasts/Webinars, JFAS, ASC
- Residents/Post Grad Fellows
 - Fellowships, Career Center, Courses, Podcasts/Webinars, JFAS, ASC
- Associates and Fellows
 - Practice Management, Patient Info
- Scholarships/Funding, Fellowships, Career Development

ACFAS Fellowships

- ACFAS Recognized Fellowship Initiative fosters high-quality fellowship programs through recognition, support and visibility.
- Programs meeting minimal requirements are officially recognized by the College: programs are reviewed on an annual basis.
- Fellows of these recognized programs benefit from lower dues rates and recognition of program completion.
- Foot and Ankle Surgery and Reconstruction Fellowships
 - 42 Recognized
 - 7 Conditional
- Research Fellowships
 - 2 Recognized
 - 1 Conditional
- <https://www.acfas.org/professional-resources/fellowship-resources>



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**ACFAS Recognized Fellowship Initiative:
Minimal Criteria for an 'ACFAS Recognized Fellowship'**

Approved by the Fellowship Committee: August 2010
Revised: August 2022



Career Development

- **ACFAS Chris Mahaffey Leadership Development Program**
 - Acquire and enhance essential skills needed to succeed as future leaders and ambassadors of the profession, both within and outside the College
 - Gain a deeper understanding of ACFAS and its volunteer program in preparation for continued/advanced service within the College
 - Engage in a comprehensive educational program for professional development that also serves to expand your ACFAS peer network
- Level 1 is open to all members of the College
- Level 2 and the Capstone are open to Fellows who complete Level 1, and apply and are accepted into the program
- Takes place over the course of a year, beginning and ending around the time of the ASC

Career Development

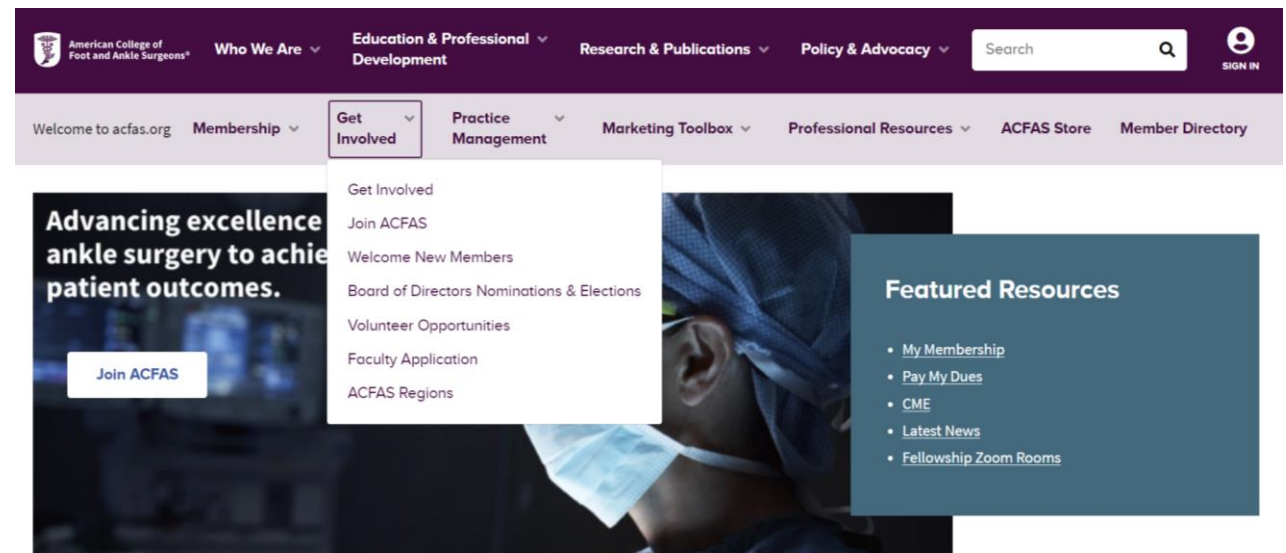
- **Leadership Development Program**



<https://learn.acfas.org/products/acfas-chris-mahaffey-leadership-development-program-level-one>

Volunteerism in the College

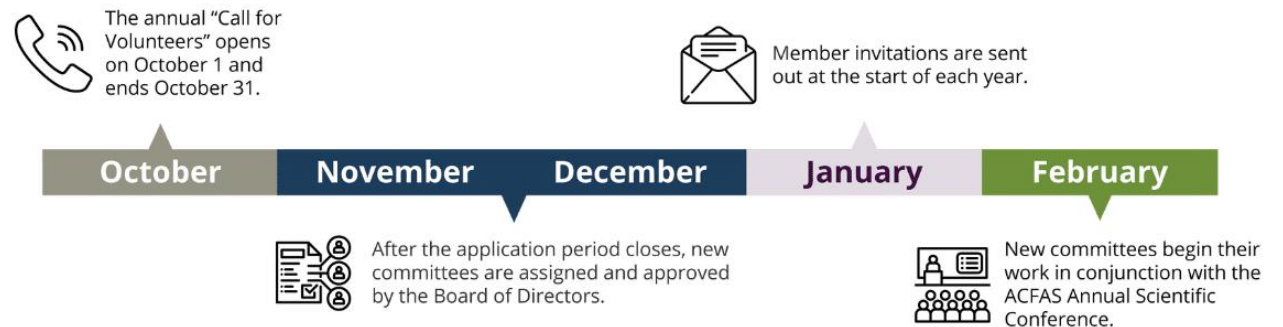
- Numerous pathways!
- Committees/Task Forces
- Course Faculty
- Lecturers
- Clinical Consensus Panels
- JFAS
- Scientific Literature Reviews
- Region Leadership
- Board of Directors



ACFAS Committees and Task Forces

- Application/Requirements

- Call for Volunteers every Fall – Due end of October
- New Volunteers
 - Application
 - Letter of Interest
 - CV
- Past ASC Attendance
- Expectations
- Time Commitment



ACFAS Committees and Task Forces

- Committee appointments are approved by the BOD
- Terms of service are 1 year – starting and ending at the ASC
- Annual Scientific Conference Committee
- Consumer Education Committee
- Council for Journal Management
- Education/Scientific Affairs Committee
- Fellowship Committee
- Health Policy Committee
- Membership Committee
- Post Graduate Affairs Committee
- Practice Management Committee
- Research Committee
- Surgical Skills Committee

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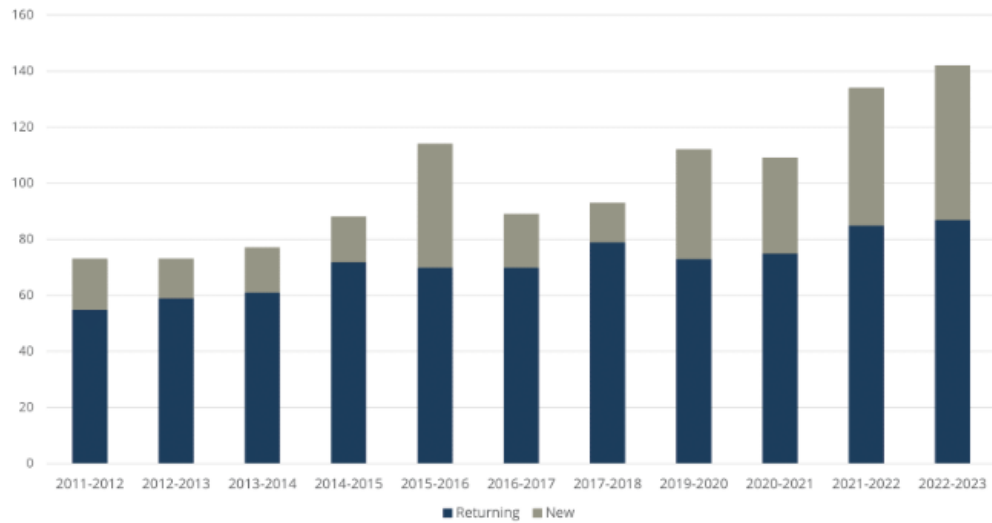
- **Annual Scientific Conference Committee**
 - Development, marketing, and implementation of the ASC program, exhibits, abstract and poster presentations
- **Consumer Education Committee**
 - Development and distribution of information regarding foot and ankle conditions and treatments, for patients and the public
- **Council for Journal Management**
 - Manages and evaluates activities of the JFAS editor, section editors and publisher; assures integrity and objectivity of editorial and peer review processes
- **Education and Scientific Affairs Committee**
 - Refinement of current programming and development of new programming specifically focused on the changing needs of the profession
- **Fellowship Committee**
 - Provides foot and ankle surgeons the ability to advance their training and further their specialization by creating an awareness of fellowships available to them and expands upon opportunities for fellowship training currently available to the foot and ankle surgeon; provides oversight for the College's Recognized Fellowship Initiative

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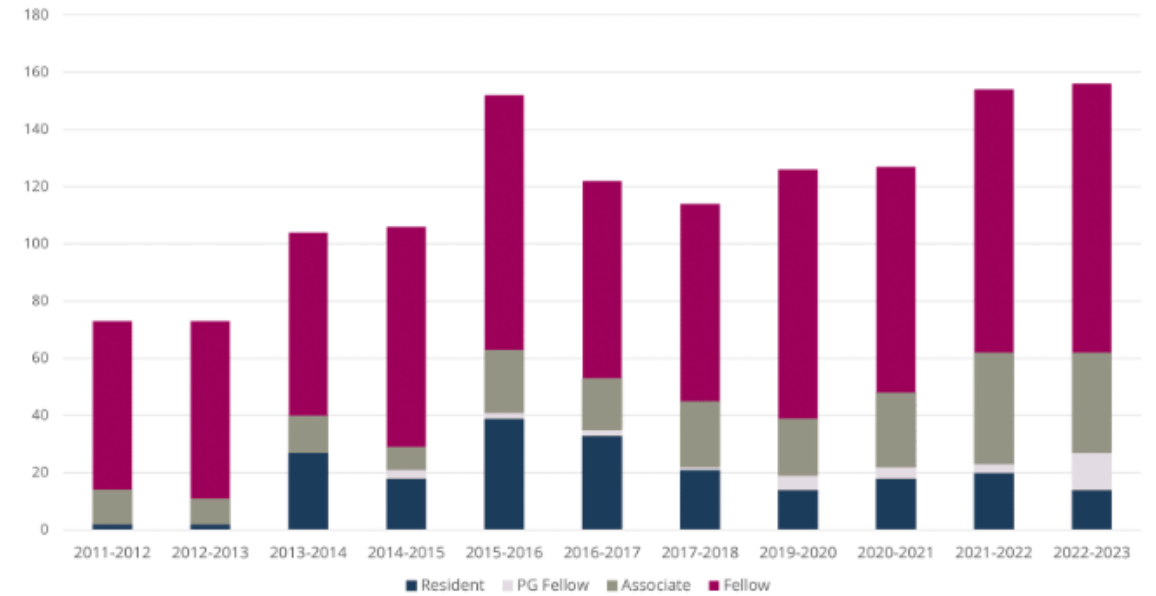
- **Health Policy Committee**
 - Reviews ACFAS activities relating to scope of practice, hospital privileges, credentialing, peer review and appropriate forms of treatment
- **Membership Committee**
 - Responsible for member recruitment and retention and ensuring member conformity to the ACFAS Bylaws; identify, implement, and audit new or existing member services; focuses on support for the ACFAS Student Clubs as well as resident members
- **Post Graduate Affairs Committee**
 - Responsible for programs and services to enhance residency education, residency programs, and serve residency directors
- **Practice Management Committee**
 - Develops effective approaches to foster positive relationships with the health insurance industry, government agencies and the health care community; researches and identifies resources and tools for improved management of members' practices
- **Research Committee**
 - Administers the College's research grant programs; identifies and stimulates research in those areas where documented clinical studies are lacking
- **Surgical Skills Committee**
 - Development, site selection, implementation, and refinement of all surgical skills courses

ACFAS Volunteer Data

Returning vs. New Volunteers



Volunteers by Type



ACFAS Educational Programming

- ACFAS educational program committees have expanded the scope of topics at our Annual Scientific Conference and surgical skills courses
- ACFAS always seeks to diversify its faculty with new instructors who possess the expertise and experience needed to maintain the College's high standards and attendee expectations
- <https://www.acfas.org/education-professional-development/faculty-application>

SURGICAL SKILLS

Arthroscopy of the Foot and Ankle

📅 Jun 10, 2023 - Jun 11, 2023

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Arthroscopy of the Foot and Ankle

📅 Aug 12, 2023 - Aug 13, 2023

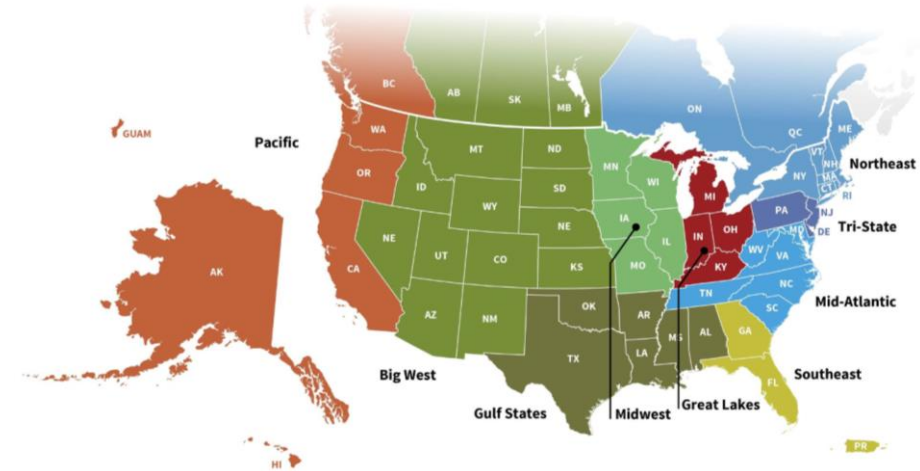
SURGICAL SKILLS

Basic Principles of Foot and Ankle Trauma and Reconstructive Surgery for DPMs

📅 Oct 6, 2023 - Oct 7, 2023

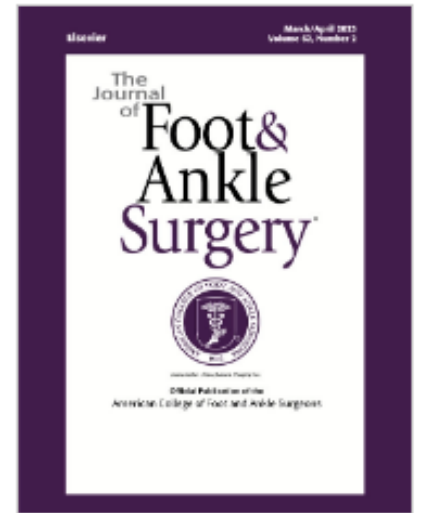
ACFAS Regions

- ACFAS invites all members to get involved in their local region and support the profession at the grassroots level.
- 9 ACFAS Regions offer the opportunity to connect with other members through local seminars, meetings and labs.
- Regions offer scholarships and grants to students and residents.
- <https://www.acfas.org/get-involved/acfas-regions>



Other Volunteer Opportunities

- **JFAS Peer Reviewer/Section Editor**
 - <https://www.acfas.org/research-publications/the-journal-of-foot-and-ankle-surgery/about-peer-review>
- **Clinical Consensus Panel**
 - To provide physicians with a recommended approach to the treatment of specific conditions and pathology, the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons is developing a library of Clinical Consensus Statements
 - Each Clinical Consensus Statement is represented by collective opinions of a convened expert panel from the College membership
- **Scientific Literature Reviews**
 - <https://www.acfas.org/scientific-literature-reviews>



Mahatma Gandhi

- Be the change you wish to see in the world

- Go do it!

George Bernard Shaw

- “I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to the future generations.”

Join us!!!!

Become part of something bigger!!!!

THANK YOU

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