

Our Purpose is to...

- Provide students, surgical trainees, and junior faculty with exposure to the most current basic science, translational, clinical, and education research pertaining to academic surgery
- Promote and support the careers of junior academic surgeons through programs targeting faculty development
- Provide a supportive environment for interactions between surgical trainees, junior faculty, and senior surgeons to facilitate mentorship
- Provide leadership opportunities and training for junior faculty in an international surgical organization composed of their peers

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The Association for Academic Surgery (AAS) is the leading society of young academic surgeons. The AAS was founded in 1967 and is the largest association of academic surgeons, with over 3,000 members worldwide.



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ADVANCING CAREERS

through education, research,
& networking

As a member of the AAS you can...

- Network with thousands of your AAS colleagues
- Become active in the Association leadership
- Apply for annual research and travel awards
- Attend the Academic Surgical Congress (joint meeting with Society of University Surgeons) at a discounted member rate
- Attend the AAS Fall Courses, including the Fundamentals of Surgical Research Course and the Career Development Course, at a discounted member rate
- Receive e-mail newsletters concerning Association programs and opportunities
- Access searchable, full text articles from the *Journal of Surgical Research* online database
- And much more...



Why join AAS? Young surgeons tell us why...

"The AAS is a great organization for surgery residents, fellows or those just starting their practice. Participating in AAS helps us meet those people we want to emulate, gives us the chance to exchange ideas and experiences, and provides channels to collaborate on research. The AAS also gives me a unique perspective on what it means to be a young academic surgeon."

"Everyone agrees that there is a need for mentorship in the stressful world of surgery. AAS gives junior faculty access to peers who have been through similar trials and tribulations. Also, AAS allows young surgeons the opportunity to be actively involved in the management of the society as soon as you join. There is no 'apprentice' period. I have already become involved in the leadership, just a few years out of residency!"

Categories of Membership

Active: Individuals become eligible for Active Membership in the Association at the Chief Resident/Fellowship level of training, or upon accepting a faculty position in surgery or one of the surgical specialties. Also, basic science faculty members with an MD or PhD who actively participate in surgical research are eligible for Active Membership. Active Membership is offered to surgeons within 10 years of their first academic faculty appointment. Member dues are \$300 per year and include a subscription to the *Journal for Surgical Research*.

Active International: Active Members outside of the US have the option to pay a reduced Membership fee of \$250. These members will receive all the benefits of Active Membership, except the journal subscription. However, a subscription to the journal can be obtained at a discounted rate of \$50 a year.

Senior: After 10 years of service, Active Members of AAS will proceed to Senior Membership. Individuals over the age of forty may apply to be senior members. Senior Members may present at meetings and may participate as advisers and mentors, but do not vote at the annual business meeting and cannot hold office. Dues are \$80 per year, and a subscription to the JSR can be added for a discounted rate of \$50 a year.

Candidate: Surgical residents interested in pursuing an academic career may join the AAS. Dues are \$30 per year, and a subscription to the JSR can be added for a discounted rate of \$50 a year.

NEW! Affiliate Membership: Individuals who are not surgeons or faculty (i.e., are not eligible for Active Membership) are eligible for affiliate membership if they participate in surgical research or support another of the academic missions (e.g., education) of a Department of Surgery. The period of active Affiliate Membership shall last for a total of 10 years from the time the individual began completed their professional training. After 10 years, Affiliate Members superannuate to senior membership status. If an individual who otherwise qualifies for Affiliate Membership wishes to join more than 10 years after completing their professional training, they can apply as a senior member. Affiliate members do not participate in the Annual Business Meeting and are not eligible to participate in committees or serve on the Executive Council. Dues are \$80 per year, and a subscription to the JSR can be added for a discounted rate of \$50 a year.

Medical Student: The AAS introduced Medical Student Membership in 2007. A medical student interested in pursuing a career in academic surgery is eligible for membership. Medical Student Members may participate fully in all the activities of the Association with the exception of voting. Annual dues for Medical Student Members are \$15, and students may subscribe to the JSR at a discounted rate of \$50 a year. When the student becomes a surgical resident, the individual may then elect to apply for Candidate Membership.



Apply for Membership Online

www.aasurg.org/membership

Application Process

Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis in January, April, July, and October. To ensure that your application will be included in the next review, please make sure that you have submitted your application to the AAS office no later than the following deadlines:

- March 15 for the April review
- June 15 for the July review
- September 15 for the October review
- December 15 for the January review

If there are any problems or questions about the application process, please contact the Association office.



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