

RAMON RUIZ TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP AWARD

DESCRIPTION OF FELLOWSHIP:

Applicants must be citizens or green card holders of the United States or Canada and must be graduates of an accredited dental school. A medical degree is optional. Applicants must be licensed in dentistry and/or medicine in at least one US state or Canadian Province.

Applicants must be at least 30 years of age but under 40, on the date that the complete application is filed.

Applications will be accepted for processing for an award to be granted after the completion of all professional education and training including fellowships.

Applicants must show evidence of commitment to high quality surgery, and to surgical teaching.

Applicants must submit a fully completed application form provided by the Academy on its website. *Submission of a CV only is not acceptable.*

FINANCIAL AWARD:

The award will consist of the sum of \$10,000 payable only to the Awardee and only in US dollars. The award is not intended to be shared with any academic institution, department or other individual.

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS:

Applicants must submit independently prepared letters of recommendation from three (3) of their colleagues:

- One letter must be from the Chair of the department in which they hold a clinical or academic appointment *or the academic equivalent*. The Chair's letter should directly address the applicant's commitment to high quality surgery and surgical teaching.
- Other letters should come from AACMFS Fellows. The Chair of the Foundation and the current board members of AACMFS are ineligible to write a letter of recommendation.

All letters of recommendation must be *submitted electronically in PDF format directly to the Academy* by the persons making the recommendations. Please have letters submitted to Melissa Connor, mconnor@pami.org.

The Traveling Fellowship must be used in the year for which it is designated. It cannot be postponed although resubmission of an updated application is acceptable.

EXPECTATIONS: POST AWARD

Awardees will provide a written report at the conclusion of the Ramon Ruiz Traveling Fellowship specifically focusing on the value of the visit to the awardee and the potential beneficial effect to future trainees and patients of the Awardee. The Awardee is also expected to present a PowerPoint summary of their experience at the next AACMFS Annual Meeting. The AACMFS will waive the registration fee to attend the meeting.