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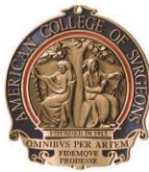
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TO: International ATLS Providers

The American College of Surgeons is pleased to announce a program for international surgeons concerned with issues of quality improvement, the **International ACS NSQIP® Scholarships**. Applications are now being accepted for the year 2019. The closing date for receipt of applications and all supporting documentation is 15 February 2019.

Each Scholarship offers a stipend of \$10,000 US, participation in the annual National Surgical Quality Improvement Program conference, which takes place July 19-22, 2019 in Washington, DC, and the expectation of meeting with Program Leadership and Surgeon Champions from ACS NSQIP participating hospitals. Following the NSQIP conference, the candidate will visit 1-2 hospitals reflecting the candidate's specific clinical interests. These hospitals should also have strong quality programs. Assistance will be provided to make hotel reservations in the conference city.

More information regarding the ACS National Surgical Quality Improvement Program can be found at <http://site.acsnsqip.org/>.

I seek your cooperation in publicizing the availability of the International ACS NSQIP® Scholarships. The International Relations Committee of the College has requested that the requirements for the International ACS NSQIP® Scholarships be widely distributed and we appreciate your kind cooperation. The online requirements include all pertinent information about eligibility and a link to the online application process itself.

Scholarship requirements and the online application form may be accessed from:

<https://www.facs.org/member-services/scholarships/international/isnsqip>

Please note that scholarship applications and additional materials must be submitted in **English**.

Please direct questions to Ms. Kate Early, International Liaison, at kearly@facs.org.

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The deadline for receipt of all application materials for the International ACS NSQIP® Scholarships is 15 February 2019 for attendance at the July 2019 NSQIP conference.

As providers of ATLS outside the U.S. and Canada, we deeply appreciate your cooperation in distributing this information. It is my hope that contacting you will help ensure many excellent prospective scholarship applicants.

With many thanks for your assistance,

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