

FUTURE TRAUMA LEADERS Program

The Future Trauma Leaders (FTL) program is a unique way for the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (COT) to offer an in-depth training and mentoring opportunity for junior trauma and acute care surgeons (those who are less than five years out from fellowship completion).

A competitive application process (advertised in fall, to the COT and AAST/EAST/WEST members) will be used to solicit candidates to participate in an exciting two-year program.

In return for its efforts to grow young surgeons, the COT will benefit from the work the program participants deliver during their research projects and from their participation on COT committees.

Watch for an e-mail blast from the COT containing comprehensive information on the initiation of the application process and an application form.

Applications will open on Monday, June 3, 2019, and close on Friday, August 2, 2019.

For more information about the COT, visit facs.org/quality-programs/trauma.

How will the candidates be selected?

Applications will be accepted by the Membership Committee, and candidates will provide:

- › Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the division chief (the division chief letter must state support for the time commitment for the candidate to attend all required meetings)
- › Current CV
- › An essay on why the candidate would like to participate in the FTL program and what he or she hopes to gain from participation
- › Application form

How will participants benefit from COT participation?

- › Participants will be assigned to a special research/quality improvement project within the Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) and will present work product reports throughout the program's two-year period.
- › Participants will also be assigned to COT committees within their area of interest and be encouraged to be actively involved in committee projects.
- › Participants will be encouraged to become engaged in their State and Regional Committees and develop an understanding of the practice and advocacy issues facing their regional trauma system.
- › Participants will be assigned a mentor within the COT to enhance their career development.

What are the participants' responsibilities and requirements?

- › The COT will support the travel expenses for the participants to attend these meetings.
- › To be eligible for the program, participants must commit to attending all events in the two-year program period. Participants must attend the annual March and October COT meetings, the TQIP Annual Meeting and Scientific Training, and the Annual Spring Advocacy Day in Washington, DC.
- › Participants must attend at least 75 percent of committee meetings to which they have been assigned.
- › Participants must complete special project assignments with TQIP.
- › Participants must maintain regular touch points with their mentors.



100+ years

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