



The Thoracic Surgery Foundation 2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS

TSF RESEARCH AWARDS



STS Research Award
Rachel Vanderlaan, MD, PhD
Hospital for Sick Children,
Toronto

Pulmonary Vein Stenosis: Mechanistic Insights Through Genomic Studies



TSF Research Award
Jarrod Predina, MD
Hospital of the
University of Pennsylvania

Developing Intratumoral mRNA-Based Immunotherapy Strategies to Eliminate Recurrences After Lung Cancer Surgery



Nina Starr Braunwald
Research Fellowship Award
SunYoung Kim, MD
University of Nebraska
Medical Center

Alcohol and Notch Pathway Mutations Synergistically Induce Atrioventricular Canal Defects: Potential Rescue by Folic Acid



Southern Thoracic Surgical
Association (STSA) Resident
Research Award

Chi Chi Do-Nguyen, DO
University of Michigan

The impact of metabolome class in specialized pro-resolving mediators and its role in attenuation of thoracic aortic aneurysm growth



TSF Resident Research
Fellowship Award
Zachary Kiernan, MD
Virginia Commonwealth
University Health System

Investigation of the Biochemical Basis For Gender-Related Outcomes Following Heart Transplantation



AstraZeneca Lung Cancer
Research Award

Gavitt Woodard, MD
Yale School of Medicine

Immune cell infiltration and function after neoadjuvant chemo-immunotherapy in non-small cell lung cancer



AstraZeneca Reversing Health
Disparities in Lung Cancer
Research Award
Raheem Bell, MD
Northwestern University/
McGaw Medical Center

Reducing Disparities in Lung Cancer Screening: A QR-Based Approach to Improve Self-Reporting Among Black Patients



STS Database Clinical Research
Fellowship Award

Isao Anzai, MD
Columbia University

Statistical Modeling and Clinical Outcomes Research Training via STS Database and Analytics Team



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EDUCATION AWARDS



TSF/Francis Fontan Fund
International Traveling Fellowship
**Marvin D.
Atkins Jr., MD**
Houston Methodist Hospital

Fellowship to: Ospedale San Raffaele, Milan, Italy
Mentor: Roberto Chiesa, MD



TSF/FFF International Traveling
Fellowship in Partnership with LACES
**Andres Felipe
Jimenez Ordonez, MD**
Fundación Cardioinfantil -
La Cardio, Bogotá, Colombia

Fellowship to: TGH Peter Munk Cardiac Centre,
Toronto Canada
Mentor: Tirone E. David, MD



TSF/Francis Fontan Fund
International Traveling Fellowship
Debora Brascia, MD
University Hospital of Bari,
Bitonto (BA) Italy

Fellowship to: Massachusetts General Hospital
Mentor: Yolanda L. Colson, MD, PhD



TSF/FFF International Traveling
Fellowship in Partnership with LACES
**Carolina Sofia
Sosa Vota, MD**
Hospital de Clínicas Dr. Manuel
Quintela, Montevideo, Uruguay

Fellowship to: Hospital Universitario de Navarra,
Pamplona, Spain
Mentor: J. Rafael Sádaba, MD, PhD



Michael J. Davidson Structural
Heart Fellowship Award
**Laura A.
Scrimgeour, MD**
University of California,
San Francisco

Fellowship to: Brigham & Women's Hospital
Mentor: Ashraf Sabe, MD



Nicholas Kouchoukos Award
**Lauren K.M.
Barron, MD**
Baylor and The Texas
Heart Institute

Fellowship to: Icahn School of Medicine
at Mount Sinai
Mentor: Ismail El-Hamamsy, MD



Nicholas Kouchoukos Award
**Jonathan R.
Zurcher, MD**
Emory University Hospital

Fellowship to: The Mount Sinai Hospital
Mentor: Ismail El-Hamamsy, MD



TSF/STS Douglas Mathisen
Traveling Fellowship in General
Thoracic Surgery
**Sahar
Saddoughi, MD, PhD**
Mayo Clinic

Fellowship to: Kyoto University, Japan
Mentor: Hiroshi Date, MD



Carolyn E. Reed Traveling
Fellowship Award
**Mahim
Malik, MD**
Rawalpindi Institute of
Cardiology, Islamabad,
Pakistan

Fellowship to: Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital
Mentor: Emile Bacha, MD



Robert L. Replogle Traveling
Fellowship Award
**Constantine D.
Mavroudis, MD,
MSc, MTR**
Children's Hospital of
Philadelphia

Fellowship to: Boston Children's Hospital
Mentor: Christopher Baird, MD



Sarns Terumo Perfusion
Education Fellowship Award
Mr. Farhad Gorjipour
Rajaie Cardiovascular,
Medical and Research
Center, Tehran, Iran

Fellowship to: Mayo Clinic
Mentor: Arman Argahami, MD



Underrepresented Robotic General
Thoracic Surgeon Development
Award (This award is made possible by
a grant from Intuitive Surgical)
**Juan A.
Munoz-Largacha, MD**
University of Alabama
at Birmingham

Fellowship to: Beth Israel Lahey Health
Mentor: Elliot Servais, MD



Underrepresented Robotic General
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**Aitua Charles
Salami, MD, MPH**
University of Minnesota

Fellowship to: Temple University
Mentor: Cherie Erkmen, MD



The Levi Watkins Innovation
and Leadership Development
Scholarship
Jordan M. Dozier, MD
Ochsner Clinic

Fellowship to: CHI Memorial Hospital
Mentor: J. Robert Headrick, MD



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TSF SURGICAL OUTREACH AWARDS

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TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
Adanna C. Akujuo, MD
Tower Health

Underserved Area: Nigeria/Anambra State



TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
Andrew B. Goldstone, MD, PhD
CUIMC/NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital

Underserved Area: Nigeria/Anambra State



TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
Wilhelm S.A. Lichtenberg, MD
Netcare N1 City Hospital

Underserved Area: South Africa



TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
Jeffrey D. McNeil, MD
Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeons, Austin

Underserved Area: Nigeria/Anambra State



TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
Robert C. Neely, MD
Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeons, Austin

Underserved Area: Eldoret, Kenya



TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
William M. Novick, MD, MS
The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis

Underserved Area: Rwanda



TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
Jay D. Pal, MD, PhD
University of Washington

Underserved Area: Nepal



TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
Aldo Elmer Rafael, MD
Baylor University Medical Center

Underserved Area: Lima, Peru



TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
Shaun P. Setty, MD
Long Beach Memorial Hospital/
Miller Children's Hospital

Underserved Area: Fiji/South Pacific



TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
Pranava Sinha, MD
University of Minnesota

Underserved Area: Uganda



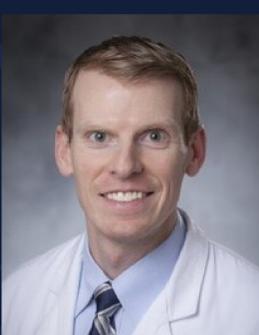
TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
Thomas Theologou, MD
Istituto Cardiocentro Ticino

Underserved Area: Vietnam



TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
Joseph W. Turek, MD, PhD, MBA
Duke University

Underserved Area: Guyana



TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
Adam R. Williams, MD
Duke University

Underserved Area: Honduras



TSF Every Heartbeat Matters
Allen Zheng, MD, PhD
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Underserved Area: Mozambique, Rwanda



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TSAF TRAVEL AWARDS



TSF Saha Scholarship
Aakash Dinesh Joshi, MBBS, MS, MCh
U.N. Mehta Institute of Cardiology & Research Centre

Attending 2024 STS Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas



TSF Saha Scholarship
Dinesh Kumar Sathanantham, MD
Government Medical College Kottayam

Attending 2024 STS Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas



TSF Saha Scholarship
Chandana Adhikarla, MD, MPH
King Edward Memorial (KEM) Hospital and Seth GS Medical College

Attending 2024 STS Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas



TSF Saha Scholarship
Dhaval Ashokbhai Bhimani, MBBS, MS, MCh
Government Medical College Kottayam

Attending 2024 STS Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas



TSF Saha Scholarship
Arya Kamal Das, MD
Rabindranath Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences

Attending 2025 STS Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, California



TSF Saha Scholarship
Srikanth Kasturi, MBBS
Narayana Institute of Cardiac Sciences

Attending 2024 STS Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas



TSF Saha Scholarship
Siddhant Rajendra Vairagar, MBBS, MS
Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research

Attending 2025 STS Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, California

Saha Scholars

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