

Supplemental AAPS-EURAPS Academic Scholar Award Information

The AAPS-EURAPS Academic Scholarship is meant to reinforce the ties between American and European Institutes. Applicants should submit a research proposal based on a program, which can be executed on both continents.

Because it may be difficult for young specialists to leave their academic position for two years either in the US or Europe, a combined research program on the two continents makes the leave from an academic position less problematic. Therefore alternating between the institutes during the two-year period is acceptable in consultation with the Mentor of the project.

The \$ 30,000 of the award is not anticipated to be sufficient to fully cover costs of living nor the direct costs of research. The award money covers travel expenses and the costs of staying in a foreign country. It gives the award winner time to start up the research project and in the meantime apply for grants. Some research institutions will cover the costs of living after a certain period of time has passed successfully. University department Chairs are in specific cases willing to continue the salary of an excellent scholar after an agreement is signed that upon return he or she will stay on for a certain period. Rules may differ between departments and countries/states. The award winner has to arrange the financial aspects and appointments before starting the overseas program.

Both European and American plastic surgeons can apply for this Academic Scholarship. If the award is given to an American specialist the next scholarship will be awarded to a European colleague and vice versa.

The first (2014/2015) AAPS-EURAPS was awarded to a European plastic surgeon. Therefore it is agreed upon by the Boards of AAPS-EURAPS that the next Academic Scholarship will be awarded to an American plastic surgeon if the number and quality of the American applications suffice.