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Applications are due early in 2021 for a number of Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) and SVS Foundation awards, honors and grants.

Information on all awards and scholarships is available at vsweb.org/Awards. January: Applications are due Jan. 13 for the Resident Research Award, which includes a \$5,000 award and the opportunity to present at the 2021 Vascular Annual Meeting (VAM). The award, open to surgery residents and vascular surgery residents and fellows enrolled in training programs in the United States or Canada, is intended to motivate early-career physicians to pursue their interest in research that explores the biology of vascular disease and potential translational therapies. February: Undergraduate and medical school students in the U.S. and Canada have until Feb. 1 to apply for the Student Research Fellowship. This award introduces students to the application of rigorous scientific methods to clinical problems and underlying biologic processes important to patients with vascular disease. Awardees receive \$3,000 and a complimentary subscription to the Journal of Vascular Surgery.

March: Six awards carry March 1 deadlines. SVS Awards include:

- Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor SVS bestows on a member. This recognizes an individual's outstanding and sustained contributions to the professions and SVS, and their exemplary professional practice and leadership. Robert Smith, MD, of Georgia, received this honor in 2020.
- Medal for Innovation in Vascular Surgery, honoring an individual whose contribution has had a transformative impact on the practice or science of vascular surgery. The most recent recipient was venous surgery pioneer Robert Kistner, MD, in 2019.
- Excellence in Community Service Award, honoring members who have exhibited outstanding leadership within their communities as a practicing vascular surgeon.

Email awards@vascularsociety.org with questions.

SVS Foundation Awards with the March 1 deadline include:

- Community Awareness and Prevent Project Grant, to help surgeons conduct community-based projects in vascular health, wellness or disease prevention.
- Clinical Research Seed Grants, providing direct support for pilot clinical projects that could potentially become

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larger studies funded by industry or government sources.

- E.J. Wylie Traveling Fellowship, providing the recipient the opportunity to visit a number of vascular surgery centers around the world.

In addition, applications for the Distinguished Fellow designation also are due March 1. This designation goes to Active, International or Senior members who are vascular surgeons and who have made substantial contributions in two of the three categories of research, service and education. Visit vsweb.org/DistinguishedFellow for more information.

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