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2026 Annual Report

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Mission

The mission of the SVS Foundation is to optimize the vascular health and well-being of patients and the public through support of research that leads to discovery of knowledge and innovative strategies, as well as education and programs, to prevent and treat circulatory disease.

Vision

Vascular surgeons will lead in the discovery and delivery of the highest quality and most accessible healthcare to reduce the complications of circulatory disease.

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A Message from SVS Foundation Board Chair, Keith Calligaro, MD, DFSVS

This past year has been one of meaningful growth and momentum for the Society for Vascular Surgery Foundation. Across research, education, innovation and vascular health awareness, the Foundation has continued to turn generosity into opportunities that strengthen our specialty and improve the lives of patients and their families.

As vascular surgeons, we know these accomplishments extend far beyond individual programs or awards. Every researcher supported, emerging leader mentored and new idea advanced contributes to the future of vascular care.

A defining milestone in 2026 was the launch of the Enrico Ascher Vascular Innovation Institute at the Vascular Annual Meeting in Boston. Created to foster surgeon-led innovation, the Institute provides vascular surgeons with education, mentorship, networking and resources to help promising ideas move from concept toward meaningful clinical impact.

The Institute honors the extraordinary legacy of Enrico Ascher, MD, whose career has been defined by innovation, education, mentorship and a commitment to advancing vascular surgery. It carries that legacy forward by equipping vascular surgeons with the knowledge, mentorship and connections to identify unmet needs, develop solutions and improve care. In 2026, that vision began taking shape through new opportunities for entrepreneurial education and mentorship.

That same commitment is reflected in the Foundation's continued support of research, education and the next generation of vascular leaders. Through grants, scholarships, awards and other programs, donor generosity provides vascular surgeons and trainees with opportunities to pursue discoveries, develop their skills and advance ideas with the potential to change patient care.

This year also marked a new chapter in engaging the public around vascular health. Building on the success of the Vascular Health Step Challenge, the Foundation introduced Walk for Your Vascular Health, a nationwide movement centered on education, prevention and participation. Held in conjunction with Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) Awareness Month, the campaign brings SVS members, patients and communities together to move, learn about vascular disease and take steps toward better vascular health.

Through the Annual Fund and the generosity of individual and corporate supporters, we are building sustainable support for research, education, innovation and programs that can make a lasting difference.

For those considering their support, charitable giving may also offer important tax advantages. Depending on individual circumstances, gifts may be tax-deductible, while strategies such as donating appreciated securities, making qualified charitable distributions from an IRA or including the Foundation in an estate plan may provide additional benefits. Donors should consult their tax, financial or legal advisers to determine the right approach for them.

As we look ahead, the SVS Foundation remains committed to expanding access to vascular care, accelerating discovery and innovation and investing in the people who will lead vascular surgery into the future.

We are profoundly grateful to our donors, members, colleagues and partners who make this progress possible. Your generosity creates opportunities, fuels discovery and helps turn promising ideas into progress for patients. Whether through an annual gift, appreciated assets, a qualified charitable distribution or a planned gift, your support can make a meaningful difference today and for generations to come.

Together, we are building the future of vascular care.

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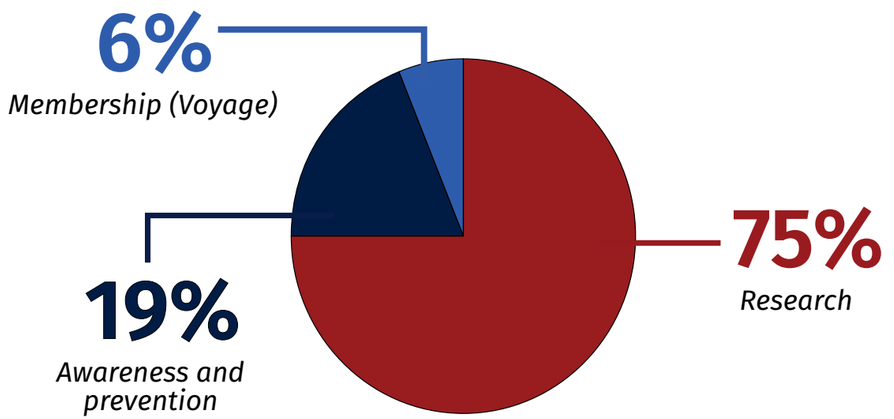


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SVS FOUNDATION
FISCAL YEAR 2026 FINANCIALS:

$8,052,727 *Total net assets*

BREAKDOWN OF PROGRAMMATIC SPEND



BREAKDOWN OF CONTRIBUTIONS

40% *% of contributions from individual donors*

31% *% of contributions from FDN/Societies*

29% *% of contributions from industry*

The financial statements contained in this Annual Report pertain to Fiscal Year 2026 (FY2026), which covers the period from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. Please note that the fiscal year does not coincide with the calendar year 2026.

Gold Transparency 2026
Candid.

The SVS Foundation is proud to have earned the Candid Gold Seal of Transparency, a recognition of our commitment to openness, accountability and responsible stewardship. This designation reflects our dedication to sharing meaningful information about our mission, programs, finances and measurable impact, giving donors and supporters confidence that their investments are helping advance innovation, education and research in vascular surgery.



Grants and Awards

Investing in the next generation of vascular leaders remained at the heart of the SVS Foundation's work in 2026.

Throughout the year, the Foundation supported vascular surgeons and trainees across the career continuum—from students gaining their first research experiences to investigators advancing new ideas and building careers in vascular research.

Through the Student Research Fellowship Awards, the Foundation provided $3,000 awards to support students pursuing vascular surgery research and gaining early exposure to the specialty. The James S. T. Yao Resident Research Award provided an additional $5,000 to recognize and encourage outstanding resident research.

For investigators working to advance promising ideas and generate evidence that can shape vascular care, the Clinical Research Seed Grant program provided $25,000 in funding. This support helps investigators move early-stage concepts forward, generate preliminary data and build a foundation for larger studies and future discoveries.

The Foundation also continued its commitment to developing long-term research careers through the Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Awards program co-sponsored with the American College of Surgeons. By providing sustained support and mentorship to emerging investigators, the program helps develop the vascular surgeon-scientists who will lead research and discovery for years to come.

Support extended beyond traditional research funding. Through VOYAGE Scholarships, the Foundation helped 23 early-career vascular surgeons participate in the Vascular Research Initiatives Conference (VRIC) and the Vascular Annual Meeting (VAM), expanding access to education, mentorship and professional development. The Foundation also invested in research addressing disparities in vascular care through the Vascular Care for the Underserved (VC4U) Project Grants, awarding $80,000 to four projects focused on improving PAD screening, education, treatment and follow-up care in underserved communities.

Together, these investments reflect the SVS Foundation's commitment to building the future of vascular surgery—supporting promising talent, advancing research and creating opportunities for new ideas to improve vascular care.

2026 SVSF FOUNDATION AWARD BREAKDOWN		
Student Research Fellowship Awards	12 awardees	$3,000 per award
James S. T. Yao Resident Research Award	1 awardee	$5,000 per award
Clinical Research Seed Grant Program	2 awardees	$25,000 per award
Mentored Research Career Development Awards Program	1 awardee	5 years, $250,000 award
VRIC Trainee Awards	4 awardees	$1,000 per award
VOYAGE Awards	23 awardees	$1,000 per award
VC4U	4 Awardees	$20,000 per award

Celebrating Our Recipients

Congratulations to the 2026 SVS Foundation grant and award recipients. Discover the 2026 SVS Foundation grant and award recipients at the link below.

2026 AWARD RECIPIENTS

2026 SVS Foundation and American College of Surgeons Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (K23)



RECIPIENT: Andrew Gonzalez, MD, JD, MPH
Indiana University | Project title: *An intelligent clinical decision support system for peripheral arterial disease*

"I am immensely grateful to the SVS Foundation for their support of our research. Their generous contribution has allowed ALCHEMI Labs to hire a computer science PhD student to help transition our work from solely peripheral arterial disease to the full spectrum of cardiometabolic kidney disease. Additionally, we are excited to expand our methodologic focus from natural language processing to multimodal multitask learning using agentic system architectures. We are eager to partner with others interested in developing tools and technologies that will not only empower vascular surgeons at the point of care but will also catalyze data-driven knowledge discovery for future generations of vascular surgeon-scientists."



James S. T. Yao Resident Research Award

RECIPIENT: Michael Fassler, MD
General Surgery Resident and Research Fellow | University of Florida | Abstract title: *Proprotein convertase subtilisin kexin type 9 (PCSK9) inhibition attenuates abdominal aortic aneurysm formation via enhanced macrophage-dependent efferocytosis*

MENTOR: Gilbert Upchurch, MD

"It was truly an honor and privilege to present our work at VAM this year. The major highlight was the enthusiasm and interest expressed by the vascular surgeons and surgeon-scientists in the audience. The support and encouragement received from these individuals was incredibly motivating, and I am thankful for the SVS for providing avenues for trainees such as myself to share our interests in vascular surgery and vascular biology."

Foundation Co-Sponsorships



VRIC Awardees

VRIC
Investing in the future of vascular research.

Scientific discovery requires opportunities for researchers to share their work, challenge assumptions and build collaborations.

That is why the SVS Foundation co-sponsors the Vascular Research Initiatives Conference (VRIC), an annual gathering exploring the science shaping the future of vascular care.



Tiffany Bellomo, MD

At VRIC 2026, held May 13 in Bellevue, Washington, discussions spanning vascular biology, genomics, translational science and outcomes research showcased progress across the specialty.

Creating opportunities for the next generation.

A highlight of VRIC 2026 was celebrating trainee award recipients and seeing early-career investigators engage with mentors and colleagues.

The SVS Foundation VOYAGE Scholarship expands access by providing $1,000 awards to eligible Young Surgeon Section and Women's Section members within their first 10 years of practice to attend VRIC.

For Tiffany Bellomo, MD, a fifth-year integrated vascular surgery resident at Massachusetts General Hospital and second-year research resident, a VOYAGE Scholarship provided the opportunity to attend VRIC for the first time.

Dr. Bellomo presented her research, connected with investigators and received the Best Poster Category Award for work conducted under the mentorship of Pradeep Natarajan, MD. Conversations sparked by her presentation generated new questions, ideas for additional experiments and connections to scientific literature. Those discussions have already helped shape new lines of investigation.

VRIC also allowed Dr. Bellomo to reconnect with mentors and build new relationships within the field.

"One of the most meaningful aspects of the meeting was seeing mentors and colleagues whom I first met as a medical student now leading major scientific discussions and presenting impactful work in the field."

The experience strengthened her interest in clinically relevant research integrating genomics, epidemiology and patient care.

Advancing the future of vascular research.

Dr. Bellomo's experience illustrates the impact of the Foundation's investment in VRIC. By co-sponsoring the conference and supporting the VOYAGE Scholarship, the Foundation helps researchers exchange ideas, build connections and pursue discoveries with the potential to improve vascular care.

A question can inspire a new experiment. A conversation can lead to a collaboration. An opportunity to participate can help an emerging investigator envision what comes next.

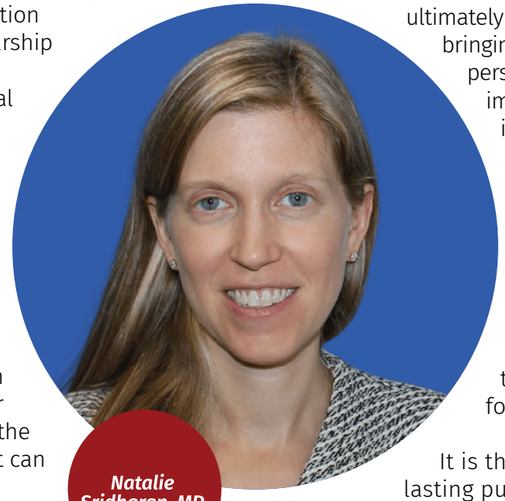
Through its support of VRIC, the SVS Foundation is helping ensure those opportunities—and the discoveries they inspire—continue to move vascular surgery forward.

RSOC
Building the vascular workforce starts early.

By 2038, vascular surgery is projected to face a 34% workforce gap – one of the largest physician shortages across medical specialties. But the impact extends far beyond the workforce itself.

Addressing this challenge requires reaching future physicians early in their careers. "Early exposure and interest allows students and residents to develop mentor relationships, research projects and increase their understanding of the field as they prepare for a future in vascular surgery," explains Resident and Student Outreach Committee (RSOC) Chair Natalie Sridharan, MD. That opportunity is particularly important because, as Dr. Sridharan notes, "medical students and general surgery residents get widely variable vascular exposure based on their home institutions and resources."

Recognizing the importance of building that pipeline, the SVS Foundation co-sponsored the VAM scholarship program, helping provide 100 travel scholarships for medical students and residents to attend the Vascular Annual Meeting. By bringing trainees from institutions and programs with varying levels of vascular exposure directly into the specialty's largest annual gathering, the program creates opportunities to learn about the field, meet vascular surgeons and begin building the professional connections that can shape their next steps.



Natalie Sridharan, MD

Dr. Sridharan understands that impact personally. She once received an RSOC scholarship herself. Today, she chairs the committee responsible for creating those same opportunities for the next generation – a full-circle experience that demonstrates the lasting impact early exposure can have on a future career in vascular surgery.

While the number of medical students and residents introduced to vascular surgery through the program is impressive, what happens once they arrive at VAM is where the real magic happens. Students experience vascular surgery from many different perspectives, but they also get to see the people and community behind the specialty. For a student still deciding where their career might lead, "that combination of exposure, mentorship and sense of belonging can be incredibly powerful," Dr. Sridharan explains.

The impact of engaging students early extends far beyond increasing the number of physicians who ultimately choose vascular surgery. By creating opportunities for medical students to experience the specialty, connect with mentors and become part of the vascular community, the investment being made today has the potential to shape the field for generations.

For Dr. Sridharan, the hope is that five or ten years from now, many of the students reached through RSOC will have become residents, fellows and ultimately leaders within vascular surgery – bringing with them new ideas, different perspectives and an enthusiasm for improving patient care. But the impact does not end with their own careers.

"A student who attends RSOC today may ultimately one day inspire another student to choose vascular surgery. That creates a pipeline of mentorship and engagement that can sustain our specialty for generations."

It is this cycle that highlights the lasting purpose of philanthropy. When donors invest in programs like RSOC today, they are helping ensure vascular surgery has the people, ideas and leadership necessary to care for tomorrow's patients.

As Dr. Sridharan emphasizes, "If we want the future of vascular surgery to be strong, innovative and representative of the patients we serve, we have to invest in the people who will create that future today."

Walk for Your Vascular Health

Taking steps toward better vascular health.

In September 2026, the Society for Vascular Surgery Foundation brought vascular surgeons, patients, families and communities together for the inaugural Walk for Your Vascular Health, turning a simple activity—walking—into an opportunity to raise awareness, inspire action and support better vascular health.

Held in conjunction with Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) Awareness Month, the campaign encouraged people across the country to pledge to move for 60 minutes during Walk Weekend, Sept. 26–27. Participants could walk wherever and however worked best for them—individually, with family and friends, or as part of a team organized by an SVS member, practice or institution.

The result was a nationwide show of support for vascular health.

Nearly 200 participants joined the effort in supporting the SVS Foundation and its mission to advance vascular health through research, education, innovation and public awareness.

But the campaign was about more than miles walked or dollars raised. Walk for Your Vascular Health was designed around participation, not performance, making vascular health education and preventive action approachable for people of all ages and abilities.







Throughout September, SVS members helped extend the campaign's reach by sharing vascular health information, engaging patients and colleagues, forming institutional teams and encouraging their communities to get moving.

Their involvement helped connect PAD awareness with a tangible action people could take in their own lives.

The campaign also built on the momentum of the Foundation's previous Vascular Health Step Challenge while opening the experience to a broader community. By shifting the focus from competition to collective participation, Walk for Your Vascular Health created a new way for SVS members and the public to come together around a shared goal.

Every step represented something bigger: greater awareness, stronger communities and a commitment to healthier lives.

With a successful first Walk complete, the SVS Foundation has established a platform that can continue to grow—bringing more people into the conversation about vascular disease and demonstrating how education, movement and community engagement can help inspire lifelong attention to vascular health.



VOICES OF VASCULAR

Voices of vascular: celebrating the people behind the specialty.

Every advancement in vascular care has people behind it—innovators who challenged convention, mentors who helped shape the next generation and vascular surgeons and researchers whose experiences continue to move the specialty forward.

Through Voices of Vascular, the Society for Vascular Surgery and SVS Foundation bring those stories to the forefront.

Throughout the year, the series highlights members of the vascular community and celebrates their achievements, contributions and perspectives. From recognizing vascular surgeons during Black History Month, Women's History Month and Arab American Heritage Month to celebrating vascular legacies and other individuals making an impact across the specialty, Voices of Vascular provides an opportunity to learn more about the people behind the progress.

Each story offers a different perspective, but together they illustrate the breadth of experience, leadership and innovation within the vascular community—and the importance of ensuring those stories are shared with future generations.

For the SVS Foundation, Voices of Vascular is also about looking ahead. By recognizing those who have helped shape vascular surgery and elevating the individuals advancing it today, the initiative helps inspire the next generation of vascular surgeons, researchers and leaders.

Different experiences. Different paths. One vascular community shaping the future of care.

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Foundation-Supported Lectures

A legacy of education takes the stage: The Wesley S. Moore Endowed Lecture.

In 2026, a vision to honor one of vascular surgery's most influential leaders became a reality with the inaugural Wesley S. Moore Endowed Lecture in Vascular Surgery at the Vascular Annual Meeting (VAM26) in Boston.

Established to honor Wesley S. Moore, MD, the lectureship celebrates a career that helped shape modern vascular surgery while creating a lasting platform for innovation, education and excellence in vascular care.

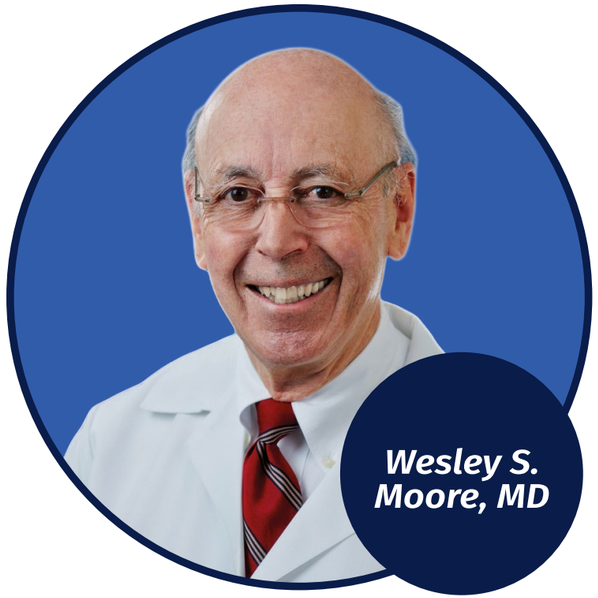
In collaboration with Vikram Kashyap, MD; Peter Lawrence, MD; J.C. Jimenez, MD; and Julie Freischlag, MD, the Society for Vascular Surgery and SVS Foundation established a dedicated fund for the lectureship. More than $100,000 from 50 donors transformed the vision into an enduring educational legacy.

A career that shaped generations

Dr. Moore's influence spans education, scholarship and leadership. He has trained dozens of vascular trainees and postdoctoral fellows and educated thousands of surgeons through his renowned board review course, offered for more than four decades in partnership with SVS.

Now titled *A Comprehensive Review and Update of What's New in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery*, the course remains a cornerstone of vascular surgical education and reflects Dr. Moore's commitment to lifelong learning.

Dr. Moore has also authored more than 300 manuscripts and 200 book chapters, along with multiple textbooks. His leadership has influenced academic institutions, clinical research, regulatory bodies and professional societies, including serving as SVS President in 1987.



Wesley S. Moore, MD

A fitting inaugural lecturer.

At VAM26, Peter Schneider, MD, professor of surgery at the University of California, San Francisco, delivered the inaugural lecture, *"The Future of Carotid Disease Management After CREST 2: Threats, Opportunities, and the Vital Role of Vascular Surgeons."*

The presentation marked both the beginning of a new VAM tradition and the realization of donors' shared vision for honoring Dr. Moore.

For the SVS Foundation, the endowed lecture demonstrates the enduring power of philanthropy. Fifty donors came together not simply to recognize an extraordinary career, but to carry Dr. Moore's commitment to education, discovery and excellence forward.

Through this lectureship, one remarkable legacy becomes an opportunity to inspire future generations and advance vascular surgery for years to come.

Dr. Moore is also recognized by SVS as a Distinguished Fellow, and the Foundation continues to recognize him among its philanthropic supporters.

The most meaningful legacies are often measured by the people they inspire: Robyn Macsata Lecture.

Robyn Macsata, MD, was a respected vascular surgeon, educator and mentor whose commitment to excellence and teaching left a lasting impact on the specialty. A steadfast advocate for women in surgery, she encouraged physicians to pursue their goals with confidence, integrity and purpose while helping trainees and colleagues recognize their strengths and find their voices.

In 2026, her legacy took on a lasting new form with the establishment of the Robyn Macsata, MD Lectureship, created through a partnership among the Association of Program Directors in Vascular Surgery (APDVS), the SVS Women's Section and the SVS Foundation.

"She was a stalwart for Vascular Surgery and the training of vascular surgeons; thus, it is very fitting for this lecture to be sponsored by the APDVS and the Women's Section in SVS. The creation of this named lectureship in Robyn's honor is a powerful testament to her legacy and the values she championed."

- Anton Sidway, MD



Robyn Macsata, MD

The inaugural Robyn Macsata, MD Lecture debuted at the 2026 APDVS Annual Meeting, with Patricia L. Turner, MD, MBA, FACS, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the American College of Surgeons, selected to deliver the first lecture.

For the SVS Foundation, supporting the lectureship demonstrates how philanthropy can transform an individual's legacy into an enduring source of education and inspiration. Through this annual lecture, Dr. Macsata's influence will continue where she made such a profound difference: in the education and mentorship of the next generation of vascular surgeons.

To learn more about how you can support the Wesley S. Moore Endowed Lecture or the Robyn Macsata, MD Lectureship, please reach out to SVSFoundation@vascularsociety.org or donate at the links below.

DONATE TO WESLEY S. MOORE LECTURE **DONATE TO ROBYN MACSATA LECTURE**

Enrico Ascher Vascular Innovation Institute

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From clinical insight to innovation.



In 2026, the SVS Foundation took a major step toward accelerating physician-led innovation with the launch of the Enrico Ascher Vascular Innovation Institute.

Created to help move promising ideas from clinical insight toward real-world impact, the Institute provides vascular surgeon innovators with structured education, expert mentorship, industry and investor engagement, and support for navigating the path toward commercialization.

Vascular surgeons are uniquely positioned to recognize unmet needs in patient care and envision better solutions. Yet transforming those ideas into viable devices, technologies and other innovations requires expertise and resources that may fall outside traditional clinical and research training.

The Enrico Ascher Vascular Innovation Institute was created to help bridge that gap—building a dedicated pathway where vascular surgeons can gain the knowledge, connections and guidance needed to advance promising innovations.



The Enrico Ascher Vascular Innovation Institute is generously supported by the Ascher Family, carrying forward Dr. Enrico Ascher's legacy through investment in the ideas and innovators shaping the future of vascular surgery.

Turning ideas Into action.

In 2026, the Institute launched its first major initiative: the SVS Foundation Entrepreneurial Bootcamp, presented in partnership with Lab2Market.

The Foundation issued its inaugural call for applications to vascular surgeon-led teams with innovations addressing clearly defined clinical needs. Applicants were invited to demonstrate the potential of their solution, stage of development, team expertise, intellectual property strategy and resources available to move their work forward.

The application period marked the beginning of a competitive selection process that will identify teams to participate in an intensive eight-week virtual Bootcamp in early 2027. Through structured education, personalized mentorship and guidance from experienced business advisors, participants will explore market viability, regulatory strategy, critical development milestones and commercialization planning.

Eligible participants will then have an opportunity to bring their work to the broader vascular community through the Innovation Awards Competition at VAM 2027.

Building an innovation ecosystem.

Developed in partnership with the SVS Research Council and SVS Innovation Task Force, the Institute represents an investment not only in individual ideas, but in a long-term ecosystem for vascular innovation. By bringing together clinicians, researchers, entrepreneurs, industry leaders and investors, the SVS Foundation is creating new opportunities to translate the ingenuity of vascular surgeons into solutions with the potential to improve patient care.



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The Annual Fund



One fund. One goal. A stronger future for vascular surgery.

In 2026, the SVS Foundation introduced the Annual Fund—one fund designed to bring the vascular community together to invest in the future of the specialty. With a goal of $250,000, the Annual Fund gives the Foundation the flexibility to direct resources where they can have the greatest impact.

What your support makes possible:

- Research that advances patient care
- Education and training for the next generation
- Leadership development for emerging vascular surgeons
- Innovative ideas that strengthen and grow the specialty

But reaching $250,000 is about more than hitting a fundraising goal. It's about what becomes possible when the vascular community comes together.

Every gift adds to our collective impact. Every donor strengthens what we can accomplish together.



"I support the SVS Foundation because scientific innovation and impactful educational work are essential to improving outcomes for our vascular surgery patients and sustaining a strong, resilient workforce. I have witnessed firsthand how SVSF awards accelerate translational research that directly benefits patients and serve as a powerful catalyst for early-career vascular surgeon–scientists. The Foundation's investment in learners and educational programming has, in my view, limitless potential to positively shape the future of our specialty."

-Dawn Coleman, MD, Legacy Donor



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