



AANS/CNS Washington
Committee for
Neurological Surgery



Congress of
Neurological
Surgeons

AANS/CNS Washington Committee/AMA Fellowship Application

Number of Awards: One (1)

Duration of Fellowship: Two (2) years: Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2025

Application Deadline: August 31, 2023

Eligibility: The fellowship is open to individuals who are in a neurosurgical residency program or fellowship during the length of the WC/AMA Fellowship. The applicant must be at least a postgraduate year three (PGY-3) resident at the start of the fellowship. Preference will be given to current or recent CSNS Socioeconomic Fellows. Fellows are required to attend the two-day AMA-RFS biannual meetings — during the AMA's Annual Meeting in June and its November Interim Meeting. In addition, when invited, fellows are expected to attend Washington Committee meetings (typically held in February and July) and are encouraged to attend subcommittee meetings, which are held during the AANS and the CNS annual meetings. ***To participate in this program, the applicant's program or fellowship director must provide written confirmation and approve the prospective fellow's full participation in the program.***

Purpose: The Washington Committee/AMA Fellowship offers a neurosurgical resident or fellow an opportunity to participate on the Washington Committee, its five subcommittees and to serve as the AANS/CNS delegate to the American Medical Association's (AMA) [Resident and Fellow Section](#) (RFS). This two-year fellowship provides a full immersion experience into the socioeconomics of neurosurgery.

Quality neurosurgical care is essential to the health and well-being of society. As the voice of neurosurgery before legislative, regulatory and other health care stakeholders, the Washington Committee exists to advocate for our specialty and patients. The committee develops and promotes organized neurosurgery's positions on issues affecting the specialty. Through advocacy, policy development and public relations, the committee and the Washington Office vigorously defend and protect the ability of neurosurgeons to practice medicine freely and to help ensure the continued advancement of neurological surgery for the betterment of our patients.

The AMA-RFS provides an additional health policy education opportunity and empowers delegates to be advocates for patients, the medical profession and the future of health care. Serving under the auspices of the AANS/CNS Washington Committee at the AMA's House of Delegates, the fellow attends the biannual meetings of AMA-RFS. The AMA House of Delegates is essential to helping achieve consensus in medicine and is an important element of organized neurosurgery's health policy and advocacy structure.

Participating on the Washington Committee and with the AMA provides fellows invaluable professional development, allowing them to gain leadership skills and enhance their socioeconomic skills — particularly for those neurosurgeons who stay involved with legislative and regulatory affairs that affect neurosurgery practice and their patients.

Expenses: Washington Committee/AMA Fellows will be reimbursed for approved ordinary, necessary and reasonable travel expenses based on the volunteer reimbursement policies of the AANS.



First Name

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Last Name

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Residency Program/Fellowship

Program/Fellowship Director

Post Graduate Year of Training

AANS Member (check if yes)

CNS Member (check if yes)

CSNS Fellow (check if yes)

Neurosurgical Leadership Experience (attach additional page(s) as needed)

Neurosurgical/Medical Socio-Economic, Policy & Advocacy Experience (attach additional page(s) as needed)

To be completed if applicant is a current/former CSNS Socioeconomic Fellow

Year of CSNS Fellowship

CSNS Delegate Mentor Name

CSNS Past Fellow Mentor Name

CSNS Standing Committee(s) served while
CSNS Resident Fellow

Projects completed while a CSNS Resident fellow (please attach additional page if you need more room)

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In 250 words or less, answer the following:

1. How did you learn about/become interested in this fellowship?
2. What unique characteristics, qualifications, or experiences do you possess that would make you the ideal candidate for this fellowship?
3. What do you hope to gain out of participation in this fellowship?
4. How might participation in this fellowship advance your professional career?

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5. How do you intend to utilize your experiences during this fellowship to help our profession?

Please complete the following attestation and sign your application:

1. I will be at least a PGY-3 neurosurgical resident or fellow in good standing with my program/fellowship at the start of this fellowship and for the duration of the fellowship term; and
2. I will attend the two-day AMA-RFS biannual meetings and, when invited, the Washington Committee meetings. In addition, I will endeavor to attend the Washington Committee's subcommittee meetings during the AANS and CNS annual meetings. Moreover, I will participate in AMA-RFS, Washington Committee and subcommittee conference calls and email discussions whenever possible; and
3. My program/fellowship director will provide written confirmation and approve of my full participation in the program.

Signed

Date

Please email the following documents to Katie O. Orrico at korrico@neurosurgery.org:

1. Completed application form
2. Current *Curriculum Vitae*
3. Letter of support from your program/fellowship director

Documentation must be received **no later than August 31, 2023**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

For questions about the fellowship program or your application contact:

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