

2023 Hani Najm Global Scholars Award

Thank you for your interest in the Hani Najm Global Scholars Award. The following document will lay out any information relevant to the opportunity and assist you in the application process. If you have any questions not addressed in this document, please contact alucca@acc.org for further information. **The deadline for all applications will be Friday, November 4th, 2022.**

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General Program Information:

The Hani Najm Global Scholar Award was established to encourage the sharing of knowledge between international cardiology professionals to better combat the devastating effects of cardiovascular disease worldwide. **It aims to provide early career cardiologists residing in the Middle East and North Africa region the opportunity to elevate their education and training by participating in the ACC Annual Scientific Sessions and completing an Observership Program in the United States.**

The Observership Program offers awardees the opportunity to shadow practicing cardiologists and health professionals at a US hospital, watch procedures and surgeries first-hand, and attend patient rounds and teaching conferences. **The goal is to strengthen the awardees clinical knowledge in their particular specialty as well as facilitate knowledge exchange between the participating awardee and US medical professionals and institutions**

ACC's Goals:

1. Engage with early career cardiologists to encourage research and scientific advancement across the Middle East and North Africa region, ensuring they receive a unique training experience to elevate their learning.
2. Expand opportunities for the Middle East and North Africa region to engage with ACC through strong partnerships with ACC chapters and specifically at the ACC's Annual Scientific Sessions.
3. Encourage networking opportunities for young cardiologists to make global connections to help prevent an increase in cardiovascular disease worldwide.

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Highlights:

- ✓ The ACC will award two (2) early career cardiologists, with at least one award dedicated to a cardiovascular surgeon.
- ✓ This is a 3 – 4 weeklong observership set for March 2023.
- ✓ One week will include a trip to ACC's Annual Scientific Sessions within the United States where awardees will be invited to programming by the Early Career Section and recognized at Convocation.
- ✓ The ACC will cover flights, lodging and meeting registration as well as offer a stipend for the length of the program (please see the Financing section, page 3, for further details).

Eligibility Requirements:

To meet the goals of the Hani Najm Global Scholars Award the following eligibility requirements must be met by all those wishing to apply. The ACC reserves the right to request additional information or verification of information and documents submitted to ensure eligibility requirements are met.

Please review the following **minimum eligibility requirements** before filling out the attached application. Any application that does not meet the following requirements will be removed from the selection pool.

- Applicant has never attended the ACC Annual Scientific Sessions
- Resides in the Middle East or North Africa region
- Has practiced cardiology for a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 10 years after formal training, qualifying as part of the early career community
- Has, or will be able to obtain, a passport and the appropriate visa for travel to the United States for the duration of the observership
- Has a good command of the English language
- Must be available to participate in the observership during March 2023, these dates are not flexible
- Are not participating in any formal training
- Does not have the means to obtain the financial resources to benefit from international meetings and educational experiences

Awardees may be required to fulfill further eligibility requirements requested by the participating US institution (ex: proof of immunization). These topics will be discussed with awardees upon invitation to the program.

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Application Process:

Application Period Opens	July 1, 2022
Application Period Closes	November 4, 2022
Committee Reviews Applications	October 2022
Awardee Nominations Announced	November 2022
Annual Meeting Attendance	March 3-4, 2023
3 Week Observership	March 2023

The ACC will be accepting applications to the Hani Najm Global Scholars Award beginning **Friday, July 1** and ending on **Friday, November 4**. Any applications deemed incomplete and/or received after this date will not be reviewed.

All documents must be submitted in English or must be accompanied by an official translation.

Applicants assume all costs associated with authenticating, retrieving, and submitting documents and material in support of their application. There is no application fee for the Hani Najm Global Scholars Award.

In order to apply we require that the following documents be sent to alucca@acc.org:

- Completed application (pages 5-8 completed and signed)
- Copy of form of ID (for residency verification)
- Current curriculum vitae
- 2 Letters of recommendations (**see instructions in application**)
- Letter of intent (**see instructions in application**)

Due consideration will be given to applicant's previous achievements, career goals, and ability to demonstrate [ACC's core values](#). The awardee will be notified in writing of either acceptance or rejection of their application.

Financing:

The ACC **WILL** cover the following costs for each awardee:

- ✓ Three flights – home city to host city, host city to annual meeting city, annual meeting city to home city.
- ✓ Lodging for the length of the observership and attendance at ACC's Annual Scientific Sessions (does not include incidentals).
- ✓ Per diem for length of visit and incidentals per the ACC's travel policy.
- ✓ Registration to ACC's Annual Scientific Sessions.

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The ACC **WILL NOT** cover the following costs:

- ✓ Costs associated with authenticating, retrieving, and submitting documents and materials in support of applications.
- ✓ Any costs related to passport and visa applications or other related fees.
- ✓ Any costs associated with immunizations required for travel, entry into the US or those required by participating medical institutions.
- ✓ Any additional travel costs (ex: travel to/from airport, airline fees for extra baggage, fees for change in flight dates/times, airline upgrade options, in-flight services, etc).

Rules for Observership:

The ACC is currently partnering with the Cleveland Clinic (Ohio, USA) to provide international observership opportunities to all Hani Najm Global Scholar Awardees. The ACC reserves the right to change the location/institution of the observership opportunities at any given time.

As an awardee of the Hani Najm Global Scholars Award, you will be representing the ACC during your observership and as such, we require that all observers adhere to the following rules:

- ACC staff will coordinate travel logistics as well as communication between physician preceptors and the host medical institution. Do not contact the physician preceptor/host medical institution unless given explicit permission by ACC staff.
- Observer must abide by all policies, rules, regulations, and bylaws of the participating medical institution, completing all of the institution's mandatory tasks before country departure (ex. online training, permission forms, proof of medical history, etc)
- Observers are expected to dress in a professional manner. T-shirts, jeans, cutoffs, open-toe shoes, and other casual articles of clothing are not permitted. The medical institution will provide scrubs for observers, however, it is still recommended that you bring your own scrubs along with a white coat.
- The observer is not allowed any direct patient contact while on site. Contact is defined as physically touching, talking with, performing a medical history and/or examination, counseling (patient or patient's family/friends), assisting in surgery or any other procedure, or otherwise interacting with patients, either individually or in the presence of others.
- Upon completion of the observership, ACC will provide awardees with a certificate of completion given to them personal at ACC's Annual Scientific Sessions' Convocation. Any requests for the participating medical institution for letter of recommendation and/or certificates of completion should be made to them directly while on site.

– PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION BELOW AND
SUBMIT ALONG WITH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS –

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This application must be filled out in **English** and must be legible and signed. Any application that does not meet these requirements will not be reviewed. **Please submit application and all required documents to aluca@acc.org no later than Friday, November 4, 2022.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Full name: _____
First Name Middle Last Name

ACC Member ID: _____

Date of birth: _____

Contact Information:

Mailing address

City State/Province ZIP

Cell: _____ Home/Business: _____

*Please include country code.

E-mail: _____

IMMIGRATION:

Country of Residence: _____

Proof of Residency: _____

*This may include any form of ID that reflects your residency. **Send a copy along with the application.**

Do you hold a current passport? Yes _____ No _____

→ If **yes**, state expiration date: _____

→ If **no**, will you be able to obtain one? Yes _____ No _____

* ACC does not cover passport application fees or other passport related fees.

Do you hold a current United States visa? Yes _____ No _____

→ If **yes**, please list visa type and expiration: _____

→ If **no**, will you be able to obtain one? Yes _____ No _____

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EDUCATION/TRAINING HISTORY:

Board Certification (if applicable): _____
Month / Year

Completion of Fellowship (if applicable): _____
Month / Year

Completion of Residency (if applicable): _____
Month / Year

Medical School Name: _____

Graduation (date): _____ Degree earned: _____
Month / Year

Please share any relevant **academic** achievements (awards, publications, etc):

Are you currently enrolled at an academic institution? Yes _____ No _____

Are you currently taking part in medical training? Yes _____ No _____

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

*Attach current curriculum vitae to application.

Do you have a minimum of 2 years' experience in Cardiology? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have no more than 10 years' experience in Cardiology? Yes _____ No _____

Current Title: _____

Current Employer: _____

City, Country: _____

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Medical specialties:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Please share any **professional** achievements (awards, publications, etc):

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Each applicant must turn in two letters of recommendations on behalf of colleagues, professors or supervisors who can attest to the applicant's professional experience relevant to the award.

Each letter must be submitted on letterhead and be signed. Please provide the contact information for your 2 references below for verification purposes.

1. Name: _____

Title/Institution: _____

E-mail: _____ Relationship: _____

2. Name: _____

Title/Institution: _____

E-mail: _____ Relationship: _____

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LETTER OF INTENT:

Your letter of intent should be **one to two pages** addressing your interest in this program and your goals and aspirations for this observership. It must be attached to your application and must be written in English. We ask that it be typed to ensure legibility.

DECLARATION

I certify that the information given on this form is true, accurate and complete. I understand that any false information will cause my disqualification.

Signature _____

Name _____

Date: _____

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