



Hani Najm Global Scholar Award Observership Program FAQs

General Award Information

1. How many awards are given each year?

The ACC will award three early career cardiologists, with at least one award dedicated to a cardiovascular surgeon.

2. I am currently working in a Middle East and/or African nation, however, my citizenship is not from these countries. Do I qualify for this opportunity?

You must be a citizen or legal resident of a Middle East and/or African nation as well as actively practice within the region to be considered for this award.

3. I do not know if I am an early career cardiologist, what is the criteria?

This award considers an early career cardiologist to be someone who has been actively practicing cardiology within their country between 2-10 years. This means you have finished training and acquired the necessary permissions to practice cardiology in your country between 2-10 years ago. Anyone with less than 2 years, or anyone with over 10 years, will not qualify.

4. I am not an ACC member, can I still apply?

Yes, however, eligibility to receive the award is dependent on active ACC membership. To join, visit [ACC.org/Join](https://www.acc.org/Join)

5. Does the award offer financial help?

The ACC will cover the following costs for each awardee:

- Roundtrip economy flight - home city to Chicago, Chicago to Cleveland, Cleveland to home city.
- Lodging for the length of the observership and attendance at ACC's Annual Scientific Session (does not include incidentals).
- Daily per diem per the ACC's travel policy.
- Registration to ACC's Annual Scientific Session.

Flights and lodging are paid for directly by the ACC, the ACC will not refund any arrangements made outside of their partner travel agency. The ACC will not cover any costs incurred by the awardees not listed above.

6. In what institution will the observership take place?

The ACC currently has an active agreement with Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. Availability of observerships is dependent on the partnering medical institutions and not the ACC, however, and therefore changes could occur at any given time.

Award Application Process

7. I am interested in applying for the 2025 Hani Najm Global Scholar Observership Program. How do I submit my application?

To submit an application to an ACC award, please [click here](#). You will be required to create a username and password in order to submit the application. Applications may only be submitted via the online submission site.

8. What are the deadlines for the 2025 Hani Najm Global Scholar Observership Program Award?

Applications must be uploaded to the ACC submission site by 11:59 p.m. ET on Sept. 11, 2024.

9. What are the formatting requirements for the supplemental documents?

Supplemental documents must be in English and typewritten, and in typeface no smaller than 11-point font. Applicants are encouraged to use Times New Roman or Arial font.

- The required **two Letters of Recommendation** must be written on an institution letterhead and signed. The signatures must coincide with the two people stated in the PDF Award Application.
- The **Letter of Intent** should be no more than two pages addressing your interest in this program, and how it applies to your professional goals and aspirations.
- The current **Curriculum Vitae** must be in chronological order and must clearly state all professional and academic experience. It must include record of medical licenses, board certifications, training programs, and any other relevant training completed along with their dates of completion.
- The **Copy of Form of ID** and **Proof of Successful Completion of Training** must be accompanied by their English translations.

Please ensure that all documents are saved under the correct titles when being uploaded.

10. Do I have to submit a Detailed Description of Project?

No, this award does not consider this requirement. Please leave this blank when submitting the necessary documents in the "Attachments" section of the application.

Award Application Review & Selection Process

11. When will applicants be notified regarding the committee's decision?

Awardees will be notified of their nominations in the fall/autumn, with final communications being made in Autumn 2024.

Accepting an Award

12. What is the process for accepting the award?

Those selected as awardees of the Hani Najm Global Scholar Award must be current members of the ACC to accept their award. ACC staff will then work directly with them to ensure their participation both at ACC's Annual Scientific Session and a certified Observership Program.

13. Can I defer the award for a year?

No, winners are expected to attend ACC's Annual Scientific Session and then proceed afterwards to complete their observership. If the awardee is not available for the proposed dates, they are welcome to apply for the opportunity the following year.

14. I cannot participate for the full 4 weeks; can I only take advantage of part of the award?

No. As a Hani Najm Global Scholar Awardee you are in required to participate both at ACC's Annual Scientific Session and complete the entirety of the observership. If you cannot commit to the proposed timeline, you will be required to forego your nomination.

15. Can the observership be extended beyond ACC's suggested time?

The ACC will only cover the cost of up to 4 weeks in the United States. If the awardee wishes to extend the observership, then they will incur any costs related to their extended stay. Availability of observerships is dependent on the partnering medical institutions and not the ACC, however, so any requests to extend the observership would have to be approved by the institution.

16. Can I choose what to see/do during my observership?

The observership opportunity is coordinated through Cleveland Clinic's International Education Department, who considers your training as well as interests when programming your observership. It is important that awardees provide timely communication to those coordinating the observership to try and ensure that physicians and teams have time to plan out your stay.