Thank you for your interest in participating in the Hani Najm Global Scholars Award Observership Program. The following document will lay out any information relevant to the opportunity and assist you in the application process. Please note that if you have any doubts not addressed in this document, you can contact alucca@acc.org with any questions.

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 training by participating in an Observership Program in the United States.

This 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.

Highlights:
- The ACC will award two (2) early career cardiologists, with at least one award dedicated to a cardiovascular surgeon.
- This is a 4 weeklong observership set for March-April 2022.
- The final 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 4-week observership (please see the Financing section below for further details).

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APPLICATION TIMELINE FOR 2022 OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
To meet the goals of the Hani Najm Global Scholars Award Observership Program 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 must be a current member of the American College of Cardiology (ACC) and has never attended the ACC Annual Scientific Sessions
- Resides in the Middle East or North Africa region
- Has practiced cardiology for 2 to 10 years after formal training and qualify 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-April 2022, these dates are not flexible
- Are not participating in any formal training
- Be in good academic standing at their current institution
- Must be in a position which allows them to share knowledge gained with colleagues
- Applicant 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:
The ACC will be accepting applications to the Hani Najm Global Scholars Award Observership Program beginning Monday, June 21st and ending on Monday, September 20th. Any applications received on Tuesday, September 21st or after 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 between June 21, 2020 and September 20, 2020:

- Completed application (3 pages completed and signed)
- Copy of form of ID (for residency verification)
- Letter of intent (see instructions in application)
- Current curriculum vitae
- Brief bio
- 2 Letters of recommendations (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 observer 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.
- Per diem for four weeks for meals and incidentals per the ACC’s travel policy.
- Hotel for four nights during ACC’s Annual Scientific Sessions.
- ACC’s annual meeting registration.
- Travel insurance while participating in the observership.

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:
As an awardee of the Hani Najm Global Scholars Award Observership Program, 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.

- 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. We recommend that you wear comfortable shoes. All observers should bring a white coat.

- The observer is not allowed any other direct patient contact. 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 staff will provide awardees with an Observership Certificate and will be recognized at ACC’s Annual Scientific Sessions’s Convocation. Requests for letters of recommendations must be made through the ACC.
2022 OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

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 alucca@acc.org no later than Monday, September 20, 2021.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Full name: ________________________________________________________________

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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 _____

* ACC does not cover visa application fees or other visa related fees.
EDUCATION/TRAINING HISTORY:

Medical School Name: ______________________________________________________

Specialties of Practice: ______________________________________________________

Year of graduation: _______________ Degree earned: _____________________________

Country of Medical Degree: __________________________________________________

Post-graduate experience:

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

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

→ If yes, which one: _________________________________________________________

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

→ If yes, when will it end: ________________________________________________

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

*Attach current curriculum vitae to application.

Current Occupation: _________________________________________________________

Current Employer: _________________________________________________________

Medical specialties:

1. ____________________________________  2. ________________________________

3. ____________________________________  4. ________________________________
Please share any professional achievements (awards, publications, etc):

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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: ________________________________________________________________
   Institution/Title: ________________________________________________________
   E-mail: _____________________________ Relationship: _______________________

2. Name: ________________________________________________________________
   Institution/Title: ________________________________________________________
   E-mail: _____________________________ Relationship: _______________________

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: ______________________