

# 2026 HANI NAJM GLOBAL SCHOLAR AWARD

## Application Instructions and Frequently Asked Questions

### APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Applicants must submit a complete online application by July 14, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET. You can begin your submission by clicking on the “APPLY HERE” button at the top of the page. To submit, you must have an ACC.org account. If you do not have an account, create a free account through this link: [Create a Free ACC.org Account](#). Once you have created your account you may return to the application site, login with your new account information and begin a NEW submission.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- This award is open to early career cardiologists and cardiac surgeons who meet the following requirements:
  - Must reside and practice outside the United States
  - Be a practicing cardiologist with between 2 - 10 years’ experience after formal training
  - Will be able to complete the observership during April 2026
  - Have a good command of the English language

### INSTRUCTIONS

- If you have questions as you complete this application, please reference the detailed information found on ACC.org. You may also email [globalawards@acc.org](mailto:globalawards@acc.org).
- You may return to and modify your application until the deadline on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET.
- Uploaded PDF documents must be typewritten using a sans serif font (e.g., Arial) that is no smaller than 11 pts. Margins, in all directions, must be at least .5 inch.
- All applications must be submitted in English or with official translation.
- Applications that do not follow provided guidelines and requirements will **not** be reviewed and **will not be** considered for an ACC Hani Najm Global Scholar Award.

**For illustration only, this document shows what you’ll complete in the online form.**

#### PART 1: PERSONAL DATA

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First name

Middle initial

Last name

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Degree(s)

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Email

Phone

I am a current member of the American College of Cardiology (ACC) [Yes/No]

I will be within 2-10 years’ experience post formal training by April 2026 [Yes/No]

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### PART 2: EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- You will be required to upload your Curriculum Vitae in the Attachments section of this application, which must detail information about your education and career experience.

#### College or University:

- Period of Attendance
- Degree
- Date of Completion

#### Professional Training (Internship, residency, fellowship):

- Institution
- Time Period
- Title Current Institution
- Title

### PART 3: ALL ATTACHMENTS

#### Curriculum Vitae [Document Upload]

- Your CV must include clearly defined sections outlining your education, licensure and certification(s), professional experience and appointments, honors and awards, and publications. Please see the FAQ section at the end of this document for details on what to include in your CV.
- Document length maximum: None

#### Publications [Document Upload]

- Upload a list of publications of which you are the author or coauthor, including the names of all authors, title of the article, the journal, volume number and date.
- Document length maximum: 1 page

#### Career Objectives

- Describe your career goals and how your this observership will support them.
- Document length maximum: 1 page

#### Letter of Recommendation: [Document Upload]

- The letter of recommendation should corroborate the applicant's Letter of Intent and Career Goals and include a detailed description of why the candidate should be selected for the award and how the observership will impact the community.
- The letter of recommendation should come from a mentor, FACC, Cardiology Department head, etc.
- Document length maximum: 2 pages

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### Letter of Intent [Document Upload]

- The Letter of Intent should address 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.
- Document length maximum: 2 pages

### Copy form of ID [Document Upload]

- A copy form of ID (for residency verification) inclusive of but not limited to:
  - Passport
  - Driver's license
  - Other government issued identification

### Proof of successful completion of a training program [Document Upload]

- Proof of successful completion of a training program that allows you to practice CV medicine
  - Proof includes a copy of any of the following documents: medical license, medical school certificate/diploma, residency or training program certificate/diploma

### Part 4: Review My Work

- This page will show whether your submission is complete or not and gives you the option to delete your submission.
- Review the summary of your submission and obtain a print-friendly version for your records.
- Under "Submission Steps" on the left side of the page the section headings serve as links to those pages/sections of your submission and may be used to navigate between sections of the application.
- The date your submission was last edited may be found next to the words "Current Date/Time". This will change each time there has been an alteration.
- After uploading your documents, click "Save/Continue", which will complete your application. You will still be able to make changes to your application until the deadline on July 14, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET.
- A submission is complete when you see, "This submission is complete and will be sent for review." There is **not** a separate "Submit" button.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How many awards will be given each year?

- The ACC will award 3 early career cardiologists who resides outside the United States and have between 2 - 10 years' experience post formal training.

### When will applicants be notified regarding the decision?

- Awardees and non-winners will be notified in Autumn 2025 regarding the Awards Committee's decision.

### Can I make edits to my submission before the deadline?

- Yes. You may return to and modify your application until the deadline on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

### Can I make edits to my submission following the deadline?

- No. Edits may not be made to your submission after the deadline. This includes modifying information

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entered within form fields or providing updated documents, even if you have errors in your submitted information.

What types of details must be included in my Curriculum Vitae?

- Your CV must include clearly defined sections outlining your education, licensure and certification(s), professional experience and appointments, honors and awards, and publications. The information included should, at minimum, cover:
  - Education: Institution, degree, and period of attendance in chronological order
  - Professional Experience and Appointments: Internships, residency, fellowship, etc. with the name of the institution and period of participation in chronological order; listing of faculty appointments with the name of the institution and period of participation in chronological order
  - Licensure and Certification(s): Current license(s) and State; certification(s) with the name of the Board
  - Honors and Awards: Name and description of the award with date in chronological order
  - Publications: List all the publications for which you are the author or coauthor, including the names of all authors, article title, journal, volume number and date of publication

What other documents are required to apply?

- The required **two Letters of Recommendation** must be written on an institution letterhead and signed.
- 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 **Publications** should be no more than 1 page and include a list of publications of which you are the author or coauthor, including the names of all authors, title of the article, the journal, volume number, and date.
- The **Career Objectives**
- The **Copy of Form of ID**
- **Proof of Successful Completion of Training\*\***

\*ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ENGLISH OR ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL TRANSLATIONS

\*\* Proof includes copies of any of the following documents: medical license, medical school certificate/diploma, residency or training program certificate/diploma

What is the process for accepting the award?

- Those selected to receive a Hani Najm Global Scholars Award will be required to complete an acceptance form and provide specific documentation to the ACC for payment of per diem support directly to their financial institution.

If I receive the award, do I have to attend the ACC's Annual Scientific Session?

- Yes. Recipients are required to attend ACC.26 in New Orleans where they will be acknowledged as an award winner.

I am currently working in a low- to middle-income country, however, my citizenship is not from these countries. Do I qualify for this opportunity?

- You must be a citizen or legal resident outside of the United States as well as actively practice to be considered for this award.

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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 between 2-10 years post formal training. This means you have finished training and acquired the necessary permissions to practice cardiology between 2-10 years ago. Anyone with less than 2 years, or anyone with over 10 years, will not qualify.

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

- Yes, however, you must be an ACC member to accept the award. Does the award offer financial help?
- The ACC will cover the following costs for each awardee:
  - Roundtrip economy flight - home city to New Orleans, New Orleans 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.

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.

May I apply for an award and then defer it for a year?

- No. Applicants may not defer awards. If they are selected as an awardee, they must attend ACC 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 for the following year.

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 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.

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.

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.