



Qualifying to be an ACVS Founding Fellow in Surgical Oncology

Description of an ACVS Founding Fellow in Surgical Oncology

A Founding Fellow in Surgical Oncology should be a well-qualified surgeon who has obtained additional training and experience in the multidisciplinary approach to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of cancer patients beyond ACVS surgery residency training, and devotes a major portion of his or her professional practice to these activities and/or cancer research. Surgeons applying for Founding Fellow status should be able to demonstrate expertise in the selection and performance of surgical treatment options for cancer patients. Training and experience in other forms of cancer treatment (e.g., chemotherapy, radiation therapy), as well as knowledge of the benefits and risks associated with a multidisciplinary approach, are expected to be beyond what can be mastered within a 3-year surgery residency training program. This level of expertise requires an understanding of the fundamental biology of cancer, clinical pharmacology, tumor immunology and endocrinology, as well as a thorough understanding of potential complications of multimodality therapy. An ACVS Founding Fellow in Surgical Oncology should be able to successfully interact with other oncologic disciplines and to provide a leadership role in the surgical, medical and lay communities in matters pertaining to animal cancer surgery.

Procedure for Applying for Founding Fellow Status

Founding Fellow applications will be accepted by the ACVS office during the following period: October 1, 2011-September 30 2012.

1. Applications are processed through the ACVS office. Complete application packages (4 copies) should be sent to: Tamika Anderson, Administrative Coordinator, ACVS, 19785 Crystal Rock Drive, Suite 305, Germantown, Maryland, 20874 (301-916-0200 x113; tanderson@acvs.org).
2. A complete application package must include:
 - a. A letter of intent addressing the applicant's desire to be considered for a Founding Fellow in Surgical Oncology and a brief description of their contribution to the field of surgical oncology over their career. Individuals who have completed a surgical oncology fellowship prior to August 31, 2011, must include the year of completion, institution (Colorado State University, University of Florida or University of Illinois) and names of advising faculty.
 - b. A mini curriculum vitae that outlines / demonstrates the applicant's expertise and experience in the field of surgical oncology. For applicants who have not completed a fellowship in surgical oncology, the curriculum vitae should concentrate on the 5 years prior to application and include the information pertaining to requirements 2.c and 2.d (see Minimum Requirements to be Considered a Founding Fellow).
 - c. Only for applicants who have not completed a fellowship in surgical oncology: Three (3) letters of reference written by individuals who have completed a surgical

oncology fellowship and who are familiar with the applicant's expertise in surgical oncology beyond what was attained during surgery residency training.

- d. A non-refundable administrative fee of \$100 (check made payable to American College of Veterinary Surgeons in U.S. funds).
3. Applications are reviewed by the ACVS Surgical Fellowship Program Committee and are conditionally approved if they demonstrate the minimum requirements to be considered a Founding Fellow have been met.
4. The ACVS Surgical Fellowship Committee sends its recommendations regarding the applications to the ACVS Board of Regents for final approval.
5. Applicants are notified of the Board of Regents' determination within six months of the date of receipt of the complete application package at the ACVS office.
6. Successful applicants receive a certificate from the ACVS recognizing their accomplishment and indicating that they are now an ACVS Founding Fellow in Surgical Oncology.
7. Successful applicants may use the title "ACVS Founding Fellow, Surgical Oncology."

Minimum Requirements to be Considered a Founding Fellow

Founding Fellows must be able to demonstrate:

1. a. ACVS Diplomate status, and
b. Successful completion of a fellowship program in surgical oncology prior to August 30, 2011.

Or

2. a. At least 5 years of ACVS Diplomate status
b. Expertise in surgical oncology, beyond what was attained during surgery residency training, supported by three letters of reference written by individuals who have completed a surgical oncology fellowship and who are familiar with the applicant's expertise in surgical oncology.
c. A national or international reputation in the field of surgical oncology. Evidence should include **at a minimum** all publications that demonstrate literature contributions to the field of surgical oncology within the last 10 years and evidence of invited presentations at national or international meetings within the field of surgical oncology (abstracts or CE) within the last 5 years.
d. Training or experience indicating attainment of knowledge of cancer biology, chemotherapy, tumor immunology and radiation therapy beyond that which was attained during the applicant's surgery residency program.
e. Applicants must have completed these requirements by the time they submit their application for Founding Fellow status.

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