

# The Asian Society for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery Bulgok Thoracic Fellowship Program

## Description

Structured as a collaborative partnership between the Asian Society for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery and Seoul National University Bundang Hospital, the ASCVTS Bulgok Thoracic Fellowship Program was established to further the training of future leading global surgeons with a primary focus on promoting surgical care, surgical education, and research in the field of thoracic surgery.

Initiated by *Professor Sanghoon Jheon*, this program aims to spark a passion for pioneering future initiatives and aims to instill a relentless sense of dedication to thoracic surgery education. Funded by an extremely generous donation from *Mr. Soo Bok Lim*, President of Kanglim Industries, the curriculum has been constructed into a one-year program directed towards promising young thoracic surgeons throughout Asia. All participating fellows will be granted an exceptional opportunity to acquire extensive experience in a leading global thoracic surgery center.

## The Goal of the Fellowship

Under the guidance of leading surgeons, newly graduated thoracic surgeons will undergo an immersive 12-month educational experience to enhance their clinical understanding and surgical proficiency in treating patients with Thoracic Diseases.

## Eligibility

To be eligible, all candidates must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. **Current Status:** the candidate must be in their final year of training with plans to complete their fellowship before starting a formal appointment or currently be a specialist in practice less than five years.
2. A trainee or an active member of the ASCVTS under the age of 40
3. **Travel Requirements:** All Candidates must possess the **necessary licensure for medical practice** in their relative country. In addition, there should be no disqualification for overseas travel.
4. **Language Requirement:** Fluency in English is mandatory.
5. Has been recommended by a supervisor of his/her training program who is an active member of the ASCVTS. If he/she is not an ASCVTS member, he/she may be eligible if he/she applies to the ASCVTS simultaneously.

## Benefits

1. A One-year Thoracic Surgery Service fellowship for one person at Seoul National University Bundang Hospital, Korea.
2. Active participation and observation in outpatient clinics, in-patient care, surgical procedures, conferences, and animal lab training and practice.
3. Participation and education in writing scientific papers.
4. An Opportunity to visit other renowned medical centers in South Korea.
5. Constant Participation in basic research.
6. An Annual 20,000,000 Korean won a stipend to support living expenses.
7. Additional expense support for multiple domestic conferences and one international conference.

## Supervisor

Sanghoon Jheon, MD., Ph. D.  
Professor of Seoul National University, Korea  
President of the ASCVTS  
Former President & CEO of Seoul National University Bundang Hospital  
Founder of the Asian Thoracoscopic Education Platform

### **Post-fellowship responsibilities**

Please submit a detailed report describing his/her experience  
Submit a paper to the official journal of ASCVTS  
Present his/her research outcomes at the following annual ASCVTS conference

### **How to Apply**

In addition to a formal online application, candidates will also be required to upload the following materials:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Letter of support from their chief/chair at their current institution
3. A one to two-page narrative to include: (1) what they hope to accomplish during their fellowship; (2) how they will utilize the skills they have learned at their home institution, if applicable; (3) relationship of the planned study to the applicant's prior experience, preparation and professional goals; and, (4) statement of future career goals
4. Identify the number of thoracic surgery cases observed during training or in current practice

### **Selection Process**

The proposals will be reviewed, assessed, and decided on at a subsequent ASCVTS selection committee.

### **Term**

The program will start in **March - April 2025**

### **Close of Application**

**December 1, 2024**

### **Announcement of Results**

We will inform the awarded applicant at the beginning of January 2025

### **Contact information**

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