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**Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation Announces
New Cerebrovascular Traveling Observerships**

November 7, 2017 (Rolling Meadows, Ill.) – The Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF) is pleased to announce a new fellowship. **The Joint Cerebrovascular Section Traveling Fellowship** will allow a practicing, Committee on Advanced Subspecialty Training (CAST)-certified neurointerventionalist (of any specialty) to visit a high-volume cerebrovascular center for a one-week observership.

The brainchild of AANS member, Adam S. Arthur, MD, MPH, FAANS, of Semmes-Murphey Clinic in Memphis, Tenn., this valuable fellowship will help facilitate the spread of information from experienced centers and operators to those with less experience. According to Dr. Arthur, “This type of observership, while once common, has become more difficult to arrange in the press of modern practice. However, the rapid evolution of the field and the increase in the number of cerebrovascular centers has created a need for this program.”

The **Joint Cerebrovascular Section Traveling Fellowship** has received enthusiastic support from the corporate community to provide the funds for two fellowships in 2018, and the monies for future awards. “The NREF is grateful to **Medtronic** and **MicroVention**, who continue to step up to support the NREF in its mission to ensure that tomorrow’s leaders in medicine receive cutting-edge experience to expand their knowledge and ultimately improve patient care,” stated NREF Chair Regis W. Haid, MD, FAANS.

Applicants must be fellowship-trained cerebrovascular/endovascular specialists, board certified in a specialty and hold a CAST certificate in neuroendovascular surgery, or is able to demonstrate significant open cerebrovascular experience and practice. To apply, one must also have practiced independently for

at least five (5) years and be a dues-paying member in good standing with the **AANS/CNS Cerebrovascular Section** or the **Society of NeuroInterventional Surgery (SNIS)**.

Any practice that demonstrates significant volumes and outcomes in the area where the applicant is seeking experience can serve as a host organization, and consideration will be given if the fellowship-training program is CAST approved.

The first two traveling fellowships will be awarded at the **2018 AANS/CNS Cerebrovascular Section Annual Meeting** in February 2018.

To apply or for more information about the **Joint Cerebrovascular Section Traveling Fellowship**, visit the NREF website at <https://www.nref.org/en/CV-Traveling-Fellowship/>.

For more information about the NREF or other grant programs, contact Cathy Powers at 847.378.0540 or cmp@aans.org.

About the NREF

The NREF is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization created in 1980 by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) to support research and education efforts that enhance and confirm the critical role neurosurgeons play in improving lives.

The NREF is dedicated to providing education to neurosurgeons at all stages of their careers, as well as funding research into new and existing neurosurgical treatments, in order to identify links between best practices and improved outcomes in patient care. Through voluntary public donations, corporate support, and donations from allied groups, the NREF supports endeavors that impact the lives of those suffering from epilepsy, stroke, brain tumors, spinal disorders, sports-related head injuries, lower back pain and Parkinson's disease.

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