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## New Timeline for Prestigious William P. Van Wagenen Fellowship

**ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill.** (June 16, 2016) — Awarded annually since 1968, the **Van Wagenen Fellowship** is offered for post-residency study in a foreign country for a period of 12 months. The William P. Van Wagenen Fellowship was established by the estate of Dr. Van Wagenen, who was one of the founders and the first President of the Harvey Cushing Society, now the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS). The Van Wagenen Fellowship was designed to provide freedom in scientific development without the restrictive limitations usually imposed by many research grants and fellowships.

The fellowship application **deadlines will be changing** this year to allow **more flexibility and planning time** for both residents and their institutions of employment. **The NREF will be accepting applications for both the 2017-2018 academic year and the 2018-2019 academic year.** Candidacy is open to all senior neurosurgical residents (**PGY 6 & PGY 7**) in approved neurosurgery residency programs and whose intent is to pursue an academic career in neurosurgery. The online application will be available August 1, 2016 at [www.nref.org](http://www.nref.org).

The William P. Van Wagenen Fellowship includes the following:

- \$120,000 stipend for living and travel expenses to a foreign country for a period of 12 months
- \$6,000 family travel and living allowance if a spouse and/or children will accompany the Fellow
- \$15,000 of research support to the university, hospital or laboratory sponsoring the Fellow
- \$5,000 for medical insurance, if needed

For additional information on the Van Wagenen Fellowship opportunity or for an application, visit [www.aans.org](http://www.aans.org) or call the AANS at 847.378.0500.

To support similar research and educational programs, consider a donation to the Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF), [www.nref.org/donate](http://www.nref.org/donate).

### About AANS

Founded in 1931 as the Harvey Cushing Society, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) is a scientific and educational association with more than 9,000 members worldwide. The AANS is dedicated to advancing the specialty of neurosurgery in order to provide the highest quality of neurosurgical care to the public. Fellows of the AANS are board-certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or the Mexican Council of Neurological Surgery, A.C. Neurosurgery is the medical specialty concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders that affect the spinal column, spinal cord, brain, nervous system and peripheral nerves.

For more information, visit [www.AANS.org](http://www.AANS.org).