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**Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation Announces  
Winners of the 2019 Cerebrovascular Traveling Fellowship**

February 7, 2019 (Rolling Meadows, Ill.) – The Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF) is pleased to announce that Gaurav Gupta, MD, and Kim Rickert, MD, FAANS, have been selected as recipients of the 2019 Joint Cerebrovascular Section Traveling Fellowship. The announcement was made during the 2019 AANS/CNS Cerebrovascular Section Annual Meeting in Honolulu.

Dr. Gupta will be conducting his week-long traveling fellowship at the Stanford University School of Medicine Department of Neurosurgery, under the supervision and mentorship of Gary K. Steinberg, MD, PhD, FAANS. Dr. Rickert will be conducting her fellowship with Adnan Siddiqui, MD, PhD, FAANS, at State University of New York at Buffalo.

The Joint Cerebrovascular Section Traveling Fellowship allows a practicing neurointerventionalist of any specialty to visit a high-volume cerebrovascular center for a one-week observership. Adam S. Arthur, MD, MPH, FAANS, of Semmes-Murphey Clinic in Memphis, Tenn., and Clemens M. Schirmer, MD, PhD, FAANS, of Geisinger Health System in Wilkes-Barre, Penn., oversee this fellowship program. According to Dr. Arthur, “This fellowship helps facilitate the spread of information from experienced centers and operators to those with less experience. The rapid evolution of our 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, which provided long-term support that annually funds two fellowships. “The NREF is grateful to Medtronic and MicroVention – our industry partners in this program. Their commitment to the NREF mission will ensure that tomorrow’s neurosurgical leaders continue to receive cutting-edge experiences that expand knowledge and improve patient care,” stated NREF Vice Chair Michael W. Groff, MD, FAANS.

The fellowship’s inaugural recipients, Peter Kan, MD, FAANS, and Dr. Andrew Carlson, MD, MS, FAANS, have submitted their reports. Members can read more about their experiences in the [Success Stories](#) section on the NREF website.

The application for the 2020 Joint Cerebrovascular Section Traveling Fellowship will be available beginning September 1, 2019, through the [NREF Online Grant Portal](#). Applicants must be fellowship-trained cerebrovascular/endovascular specialists, board-certified in a specialty and hold a CAST certificate in neuroendovascular surgery, or 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).

For more information about the Joint Cerebrovascular Section Traveling Fellowship or other NREF grant programs, contact Kathleen McMichael at 847.378.0535 or [kam@aans.org](mailto:kam@aans.org).

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**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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