



## 2026 Annual Meeting Abstract Awards

### CEREBROVASCULAR

#### Cerebrovascular Section Best Clinical Scientific Paper

Awarded to the best cerebrovascular abstract submitted by a resident to the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting. This award includes a \$500 honorarium, an award plaque and the opportunity to present the abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting.

#### Cerebrovascular Section Best Basic Scientific Paper

Awarded to the best cerebrovascular abstract submitted by a resident to the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting. This award includes a \$500 honorarium, an award plaque and the opportunity to present the abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting.

### HISTORY

#### Vesalius Award

Awarded to the highest graded abstract submission with a focus on the History of Neurosurgery submitted by a resident. This award includes a \$500 honorarium, an award plaque and the opportunity to present the abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting. *Manuscripts required.*

### INTERNATIONAL

#### AANS International Travel Scholarship

Given to the best abstract from a developing country. This scholarship provides \$2,000 to support the attendance of a neurosurgeon from a developing country to the AANS Annual Meeting.

#### Best International Abstract Award

Given to the highest graded international abstract paper submitted to the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting. This award includes a \$500 honorarium, an award plaque and the opportunity to present the abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting.

### MEDICAL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS

#### Donald O. Quest, MD, FAANS(L) Basic and Clinical Science Awards

The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) Young Neurosurgeons Committee, in conjunction with the AANS Mentoring Program, will sponsor the Osler Lecture and the Resident and Student Abstract Presentations during the Young Neurosurgeons Research Forum held at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting. A panel will grade the presentations and abstract submissions in the following categories:

- Medical Student Basic Science
- Medical Student Clinical Science
- Resident Basic Science
- Resident Clinical Science

Four winners will be determined, and each winner will receive a \$500 award in honor of Donald O. Quest, MD, FAANS(L). Following the meeting, each award winner also will be mailed a certificate.

## NEUROTRAUMA

### Charles Tator Spinal Cord Injury Resident Research Award

Awarded to the best abstract submitted by a resident or fellow related to spinal cord injury to the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting. This award includes an honorarium, an award plaque and the presentation of the abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting.

### Natus Resident/ Fellow Award for Neurocritical Care

Awarded to the best neurocritical care abstract submitted by a resident or fellow to the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting. This award includes an honorarium, an award plaque and presentation of the abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting.

### Natus Resident/ Fellow Award for Traumatic Brain Injury

Awarded to the best traumatic brain injury abstract submitted by a resident or fellow to the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting. This award includes an honorarium, an award plaque and the opportunity to present the abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting.

## PEDIATRICS

### Best Pediatric Clinical Abstract

Awarded to the highest graded abstract pediatric submission. This award includes a certificate and the opportunity to present the abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting.

### Best Pediatric Basic Science Abstract

Awarded to the highest graded abstract pediatric submission. This award includes a certificate and the opportunity to present the abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting.

## PAIN

### William H. Sweet Young Investigator Award

Given to the best abstract submitted to the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting to the topic of Pain by either a Resident or a young neurosurgeon within 5 years of completion of his or her training. This award includes a \$1,000 honorarium, an award plaque and the opportunity to present the abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting.

## SOCIOECONOMICS

### Byron Cone Pevehouse Young Neurosurgeon Award

Awarded to the best socioeconomic abstract submitted by a young neurosurgeon (i.e. post-residency) to the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting. The award will be chosen based on originality, merit, innovation, and scientific process and the young neurosurgeon must have contributed a significant contribution to the abstract. This award includes a \$500 honorarium, an award plaque and the opportunity to present the abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting.

### Robert Florin Resident Award

Awarded to the best socioeconomic abstract submitted by a Resident to the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting. The award will be chosen based on originality, merit, innovation, and scientific process and the Resident must have contributed a significant contribution to the abstract. This award includes a \$500 honorarium, an award plaque and the opportunity to present the abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting.

## SPINE

### Sanford J. Larson Award

Awarded to the best research abstract submitted to the AANS Annual Scientific Committee and reviewed by the Joint Spine Section. Sanford Larson is one of two neurosurgeons who primarily started the Joint Spine Section.

### Stewart B. Dunsker Award

Awarded to the best clinical spine abstract submitted to the AANS Annual Scientific Committee and reviewed by the Joint Spine Section. Stewart Dunsker is one of two neurosurgeons who primarily started the Joint Spine Section.

## STEREOTACTIC AND FUNCTIONAL NEUROSURGERY

### Philip L. Gildenberg Resident Award

Awarded to the best abstracted submitted to the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting on the topic of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery. This award includes a \$500 honorarium, an award plaque and the opportunity to present the abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting.

## TUMOR

The AANS/CNS Section on Tumors has multiple awards available to its members who submit abstracts to the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting. All submitted Tumor abstracts are considered for every AANS/CNS Section on Tumors awards for which they are eligible. For a complete listing of the awards that are given, visit:

<https://www.tumorsection.org/research-awards/>

## WINS

### Louise Eisenhardt Resident Travel Scholarship

The Louise Eisenhardt Resident Travel Scholarship is granted yearly to an outstanding Resident abstract accepted at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting. This award includes a \$1,000 honorarium and an award plaque.

### Veena D. Mummaneni Award

One outstanding woman resident or fellow will be awarded \$1,000 to present a top-rated abstract at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting. This award includes also includes an award plaque.