

*Sent on behalf of Eva R. Parker, MD, FAAD, Chair of the World Congress Fund Review Task Force...*

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the World Congress Fund Review Task Force of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), it is my pleasure to invite your society to participate in the [2027 Strauss & Katz World Congress Fund Scholarship](#) program. Please share this opportunity with your resident members. The application will open on May 6, 2026 at 12:00 AM CST.

This program offers a limited number of scholarships to dermatologists from low-income economies outside the United States and Canada to attend the [2027 AAD Annual Meeting](#) held in **San Francisco, California March 19-23, 2027**.

### **Strauss & Katz World Congress Fund Scholarship Award**

- Complimentary registration to attend the 2027 AAD Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California held on March 19-23, 2027.
- Invitation to the International Scholarship Recipient Reception and Dinner with AAD Leadership on Thursday, March 18, 2027
- Stipend ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,000 USD delivered at the meeting.
- Selected recipients will have their poster abstracts displayed electronically at poster viewing stations during the Annual Meeting, as well as in the [online viewing portal](#).

### **Scholarship Eligibility Criteria**

- Applicants must be **current dermatology residents** or be within three years of post-residency training at the time of the meeting.
- Applicants must be nationals of [low-income economies](#).
- An abstract must be submitted as part of the application.
- Applicants must be endorsed by their **National Dermatologic Society** (affiliate organizations are not accepted). A signed letter of endorsement from your society must be uploaded in PDF format with the online application.
  - If no national society exists in the applicant's country, a letter of endorsement from the applicant's current residency program director will be accepted for review.

- Applicants are not eligible if they have previously received an in-person AAD Scholarship.

## **Application Link**

The link to apply will become available starting **May 6, 2026**. Please have interested applicants submit their applications via the link on the scholarship webpage here: <https://www.aad.org/member/career/awards/strauss-katz>.

All applications must be submitted through this link to be considered; submissions via email will not be accepted.

**Deadline: All applications must be submitted by July 31, 2026.**

**Please note** that a letter of support does not guarantee the granting of an award. The World Congress Fund Review Task Force evaluates all eligible applications and selects scholarship recipients based on merit and available funding. Applicants will be assessed on the quality of their application and accompanying abstract.

Priority will be given to applicants who have never attended an AAD meeting. No more than two applicants per country will be considered for the award.

Applicants will be notified of their application status in October 2026.

For questions, please contact Sami Patel at [sapatel@aad.org](mailto:sapatel@aad.org).

Sincerely,



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