- Evidence of academic and leadership accomplishments.
- Letters of support outlining the applicants benefits of participation in the program.
- Personal statement outlining future career goals

Applications for consideration must be submitted electronically at www.aats.org by **November 30, 2013**. Participants will be selected by the Leadership Academy Committee and notified no later than February 5, 2014.

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2014 AATS Summer Intern Scholarship Applications Now Available

The AATS Summer Intern Scholarship program introduces the field of cardiothoracic surgery to first- and

second-year medical students from North American medical institutions. By providing an opportunity to spend 8 weeks during the summer working in an AATS member's cardiothoracic surgery department, the summer intern scholarship presents medical students with insight into the scientific investigation and study of cardiothoracic surgery.

A grant of \$2,500 is provided to successful applicants to underwrite their living expenses during the 8 weeks of guidance at the selected host institution. Additionally, all awardees will receive complimentary registration to the Association's 2014 Annual Meeting and postgraduate courses taking place April 26-30, 2014, in Toronto, Canada.

For more information and to submit an application, please visit the AATS Web site at www.aats.org. Application Deadline: January 15, 2014.

AATS Applications for Membership Now Available Online

Applications for membership in the Association are now available online at www.aats.org. Interested applicants are encouraged to consult with current active or senior members of the Association and to review the membership requirements and guidelines on the AATS Web site.

To apply for membership, a current member of the Association must act as the primary sponsor by initiating the application process in the Members Only area of the AATS Web site. Applications must be received by **November 30, 2013**, for consideration. All applications received after that deadline will be automatically deferred until November 2014.

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery Journals

Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery

This new section of the Announcements is the first in what will become a longstanding practice of connecting all of the AATS journals and their content. Below is the first announcement from the Editors of *Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, highlighting exciting new content in that Journal, followed by the first announcement

from the Editors of *Operative Techniques in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*.

The Editors of *Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* want to call your attention to 2 pieces in the upcoming Summer 2013 issue. The first is the featured article, "CABG remains the standard of care for patients with diabetes." In this article, Drs Puskas and Moss from the Cardiothoracic Surgery Department at Emory and Drs Ballantyne and Alam from the Department of Cardiology at Baylor present a consensus opinion on the pivotal FREE-DOM trial regarding PCI versus CABG for coronary artery disease.