



WAO EDUCATION RESEARCH TRUST

It is about ownership! Support World Allergy Organization Programs and Initiatives.

Become a "WAO Friend!"

WAO offers you the opportunity to ensure personally that WAO programs and initiatives flourish. The WAO Board of Directors asks you to contribute to the WAO Education Research Trust by adding an amount, in increments starting at \$5, to your registration fee. The WAO Education Research Trust raises funds for the following programs: Emerging Societies, WAO Research Fellowships and International Travel Grants.

If you choose to participate, your contribution will be added to your registration fee and will appear on your receipt as a separate line item.

For your support, you will be recognized as a "WAO Friend" on the WAO web site and with a ribbon attached to your name badge at the World Allergy Congress. If you choose to participate, your donation will be added to your registration fee and will show up on your receipt as a separate line item.

The WAO Education Research Trust programs are as follows:

- **Emerging Societies Program**

The WAO's Emerging Societies Program (ESP) offers workshops and training programs in various under-served regions of the world to help support the development and growth of the specialty of allergy. Please visit <http://www.worldallergy.org/esp/> for more information.

Your support assists in the development and hosting of these training schools, as well as in program take-aways and post-program support.

- **WAO Research Fellowship Programs**

The WAO offers Short-Term Research Fellowships to enable junior allergists to visit a center of their choice for 2-3 weeks to learn a research technique. For example, Short-Term Research Fellows have studied the role of tropomyosin in shrimp allergic patients from different populations; methodological tools for epidemiological and clinical studies in sports allergy; and skin prick testing in the early diagnosis of atopy in infants and children.

Long-Term Research Fellowships are initially supported for one year and, as possible, extended for a second year. These Fellowships enable junior allergists to participate in an approved research program at a WAO collaborative research center. For example, Long-Term Research Fellows have participated in projects studying the genetic risk factors for atopy and atopic diseases; and comparative characterization of legume IgE reactivity between patients from Spain and the USA. Your support will help toward building the total funds necessary for these Research Fellowship Programs.

- **International Travel Grant Program**

The aim of the program is to enable WAO to identify young clinicians and scientists who will be the future leaders in allergy, asthma and immunology and support their continuing education by subsidizing their participation in the World Allergy Congress. This Program helped bring over 100 young fellows from all over the world in 2007 and 2009 to attend and participate in the Congresses.