



Extension of Consideration for Founding Fellows:  
Joint Replacement Surgery  
**Open Call: December 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023**

The Fellowship Oversight Committee (FOC) for the ACVS fellowship training program in joint replacement surgery (JRS) is announcing an extension for ACVS Diplomates to apply for founding fellow status.

**Background**

Acceptance of founding fellows is the first step toward the establishment of a fellowship training program. ACVS wants to maximize inclusiveness and availability of fellowship training programs. Therefore, an extension of consideration for founding fellow status will be made available for ACVS Diplomates with national and/or international recognition within the discipline of JRS at the time of the original call for founding fellows who did not apply by the deadline of March 31, 2021. Also eligible are Diplomates who applied for founding fellow status, fulfilled some of the founding fellow requirements, but lacked one or more of the stated explicit requirements and therefore were not accepted as founding fellows.

**Description of Process**

Applicants' credentials will first be evaluated by the FOC to ensure that recognition and leadership in the discipline of JRS were established by March 31, 2021, the deadline of the original call to apply for founding fellow status. If found eligible for an extension of consideration, the applicant must submit credentials to be re-evaluated within three years of the extension. If the previously unmet requirements have been completed, the applicant will be recommended for founding fellow status to the Fellowship Committee, who will review the recommendation and forward to the ACVS Board of Regents for final approval.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Diplomates demonstrating leadership in JRS who did not apply for founding fellow status because they did not meet the scholarly activity requirements or who applied but did not meet the criteria for founding fellow status must apply for an extension of consideration by May 31, 2023.

Diplomates approved for an extension of consideration must complete the founding fellow requirements and submit their applications within three years.

## **Founding fellow requirements**

1. A minimum of five years of ACVS Diplomate status.
2. A minimum of five years of experience in JRS, beyond what was attained during surgery residency training.
3. A minimum of 250 clinical JRS cases as surgeon-in-charge, as first assistant, and/or in a mentorship capacity on other surgeons' cases. A single target joint, or any combination of target joints, is/are acceptable.
4. A minimum of three JRS scientific publications related to joint replacement surgery (such as clinical trials, prospective studies, retrospective studies, experimental studies, innovations of previously undescribed JRS instrumentation or prostheses) in peer reviewed literature as a primary author (i.e., listed first) or senior author (i.e., listed second behind a trainee or corresponding author or listed last). Review articles, articles in *Compendium* or *Veterinary Clinics* or similar review articles, or case series with less than three cases are not acceptable. A single case report will be accepted if it describes a new JRS technique or a JRS-related surgical / pathological finding that has not been previously reported.
5. Presented a scientific abstract or poster on JRS that disseminates JRS information at national or international meetings.
6. Attendance as a participant in at least one JRS veterinary workshop.

## **Demonstration of Leadership**

Evidence of leadership in JRS is determined by the founding fellow requirements listed above. If all of the founding fellow requirements are not met, evidence of leadership will be determined by demonstration of the following activities as it pertains to JRS; these are ranked in decreasing order of importance. Activity points totaling 12 or more indicate leadership in JRS sufficient for an extension of consideration for founding fellow status. Activities performed, but not within JRS, do not demonstrate leadership in JRS.

Activity within JRS	Value of activity (points)
Editor of textbook (book title regardless of number of editions)	4
Primary author (i.e., listed first) or senior author (i.e., listed second behind a trainee or corresponding author or listed last) on a scientific publication originating from the applicant’s basic or clinical research	4
Primary author of book chapter	3
Primary presenter (i.e., listed first) or senior author (i.e., listed second behind a trainee or corresponding author or listed last) for a scientific abstract, poster, or invited presentation for a scientific body of peers at a national or international meeting (ACVS, ECVS, VOS, ESVOT, WVOC, and similar). [Invited presentations of an educational nature are not acceptable since they typically provide only a general overview of the subject matter.]	3
Contributing author on a publication within the field of JRS	2
Primary investigator on a peer-reviewed research grant	2
Co-investigator on a peer-reviewed research grant	1
Supervisor of resident or visiting surgeon external JRS rotation	1 (Maximum of 4)
Teaching in hands-on training courses for DVMs arranged by scientific body of peers, industry, or a single for-profit institution (Note: All JRS courses are industry sponsored.)	1 (Maximum of 3)
Primary author of a case report published in a journal approved by ACVS to meet the resident publication requirement	1
Primary author of a review article published in a journal approved by ACVS to meet the resident publication requirement	1
Co-author of book chapter	1

**Application Packet Content:**

1. A letter of intent addressing the applicant’s desire to pursue an extension of consideration for founding fellow status in JRS. The letter should include a brief description of the applicant’s contribution to the field of JRS during their career.
2. A mini curriculum vitae (CV) that outlines / demonstrates the applicant’s expertise and experience in the field of JRS. The CV should concentrate on the five years prior to application and include the following information:
  - a. Name
  - b. Affiliation
  - c. Education
  - d. Year ACVS Diplomate status obtained
  - e. Previous professional experience

- f. Length of time the applicant has been clinically active within the discipline of JRS
- g. Demonstration of leadership
  - i. Complete the “Demonstration of Leadership” table (page 3) to enumerate points demonstrating leadership.
  - ii. List each activity and the associated number of points.
  - iii. Include any necessary explanatory details pertaining to each activity.
    - List textbooks edited pertaining to JRS.
    - List scientific publications pertaining to JRS.
      - List publications in JRS that support qualification. Do not list publications that do not pertain to JRS.
      - For each publication, place the name of the founding fellow applicant in **bold text** (see example below). In order for the publication to satisfy this criterion, the applicant must be the primary or senior author. Acceptable authorship is defined as primary author (i.e., listed first) or senior author (i.e., listed second behind a trainee or corresponding author or listed last) on a scientific publication originating from the applicant’s basic or clinical research. If a publication has a trainee (such as a student, intern, or resident) as the primary author and it also has a senior author, either individual could count the publication towards the publication requirement. If the founding fellow applicant is not the primary author, indicate the applicant’s contribution to the publication in a brief explanatory statement such as “*Dr. Kennedy’s role was resident, Dr. Fransson was senior author*” (see example below). Only one senior author is permitted per publication.

Example:

Kennedy K., **Fransson BA**, J.M. Gay, G.D. Roberts. Comparison of Pneumoperitoneum Volumes in Lift Laparoscopy with Variable Lift Locations and Tensile Forces. *Vet Surg* 2015 Jun; 44 Suppl1:83-90

*Dr. Kennedy’s role was resident, Dr. Fransson was senior author.*

- Claims of co-authorship or co-mentorship for authors that are not substantiated by the author contribution statement in the journal at the time of publication will not be accepted.
- List book chapters authored pertaining to JRS.
- List scientific abstracts, posters, and invited national or international presentations at scientific meetings of peers pertaining to JRS. The abstract, poster, or presentation must result from the applicant's basic or clinical research and present information that furthers the state of surgical knowledge within JRS or is closely related to biological sciences associated with

JRS. Invited presentations of an educational nature are not acceptable since they typically provide only a general overview of the subject matter. For each abstract, poster, or invited presentation, include the title, the meeting at which it was presented, and the presentation date.

- List publications on which you were a contributing author pertaining to the field of JRS.
  - List research grants on which you were the primary investigator.
  - List research grants on which you were a co-investigator.
  - List number of resident or surgeon JRS rotations (maximum of 4).
  - List courses in which you instructed in the clinical technique (hands-on courses) pertaining to JRS (maximum of 3).
  - List case reports published in journals approved by ACVS to meet the resident publication requirement on which you were the primary author.
  - List review articles published in journals approved by ACVS to meet the resident publication requirement.
  - List book chapters pertaining to JRS that you co-authored.
- iv. Total the number of leadership points accrued for FOC review. The total must be 12 or greater for an extension of consideration to be granted.
- v. **Submit the complete application package in a single email to ACVS, addressed to Tracey Delaney, [tdelaney@acvs.org](mailto:tdelaney@acvs.org).**
3. A non-refundable application fee of \$500
- a. To pay by American Express, MasterCard, or Visa, choose one of the following options:
- Submit payment online at [www.acvs.org/fees](http://www.acvs.org/fees).
  - Fax the ACVS payment form to (301) 916-2287.
  - Mail the ACVS payment form to ACVS, Fellowship Programs, 19785 Crystal Rock Drive, Suite 305, Germantown, Maryland, 20874.
- b. To pay fee by check, mail application fee and payment form to ACVS, Fellowship Programs, 19785 Crystal Rock Drive, Suite 305, Germantown, Maryland, 20874.
4. **The complete application package and application fee must be received by May 31, 2023.**

### **Notification of Successful Applicants**

- a. Applicants will be notified regarding the final status of their application by the ACVS office by January 15, 2024.
- b. Applicants who are successful in meeting founding fellow requirements and approved by the Board of Regents as founding fellows will receive a certificate from the ACVS office recognizing their accomplishment.
- c. Upon notification, successful applicants may use the title “ACVS Founding Fellow, Joint Replacement Surgery.”

## **Questions**

Direct questions to Tracey Delaney, ACVS programs coordinator, (301) 916-0200 x101, [tdelaney@acvs.org](mailto:tdelaney@acvs.org).



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## ACVS Fellowship Programs

**PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION  
 NON-REFUNDABLE**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Fellowship Program - Discipline: Joint Replacement Surgery (JRS)

Phone / email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-refundable payment of \$500 authorized as the Extension of Consideration administrative fee for founding fellow application processing. ACVS is a 501(c)6 tax-exempt organization. Tax amount charged: \$0.00**

**Payment options:**

**Pay the total amount authorized for payment by check**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to American College of Veterinary Surgeons

**Please mail this form and check to:** American College of Veterinary Surgeons  
 Fellowship Programs  
 19785 Crystal Rock Drive, Suite 305  
 Germantown, Maryland, 20874

**Pay the total amount authorized for payment by credit card**

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  VISA  MasterCard  American Express

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

CVV code \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit card billing address (required for credit card payments):**

Name of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**For credit card payment, you may submit the completed form by mail or fax to (301) 916-2287 to the attention of Tracey Delaney.**

For questions regarding payment, contact the ACVS office at (301) 916-0200 x101 or tdelaney@acvs.org.