

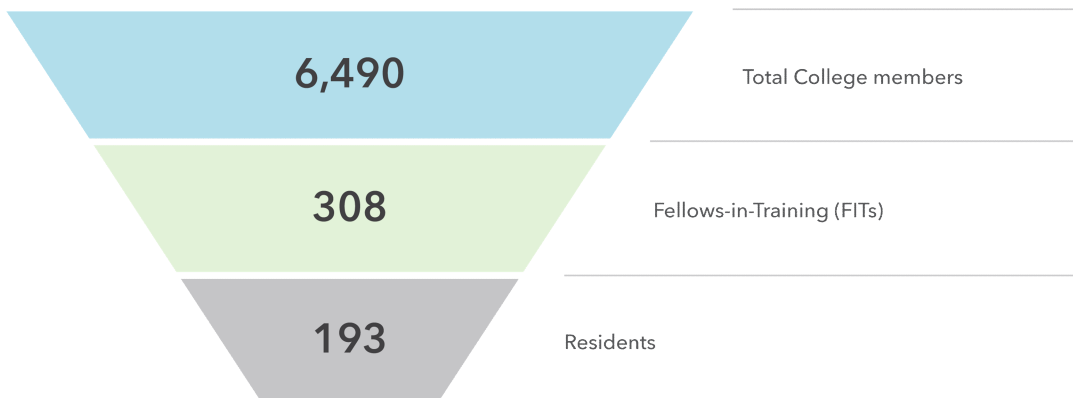
The College's commitment to training programs and FITs

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The College

A group of like-minded allergists-immunologists who are dedicated to improving patient care in allergy, asthma and immunology through research, education and advocacy.



Becoming Part of Our Community

Have FITs that are not currently College members?

- Joining is easy – and even better, free for FITs!
 - Visit college.acaai.org/fellow-in-training
- Why join the College?
 - Free and discounted resources, including board review tools, clinical webinars, videos, podcasts, and toolkits.
 - Subscriptions to *Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology*, AllergyWatch, College Insider and College Advantage.
 - Access to DocMatter, our online community for clinical discussions and networking.
 - Opportunities to get involved in the College.
 - Travel scholarships to the Annual Scientific Meeting.



First- and Second-Year Dues-Paying Members

67%



of graduated FITs continued their College membership and paid their (discounted) first-year dues.

80%



of recently-graduated FITs then continued their membership for a second year.



FIT Representation

- Two FITs serve on the Board of Regents – **Brent Griffin, MD, MPH**, senior FIT representative; and **Vinh Nguyen, MD**, junior FIT representative.
- 10 regional FIT representatives.
- FITs play a vital role on College committees.



Dr. Brent Griffin



Dr. Vinh Nguyen



FIT Support

- Variety of Board review resources available.
- FIT column in College Advantage:
 - Written by the senior FIT representative.
 - Focuses on topics relevant to FITs, from opinions and experiences to helpful clinical information.
- FIT programs at the Annual Meeting.
- More than 200 FIT Scholarships are provided for travel to the Annual Meeting each year.

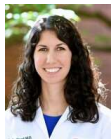


Annual Meeting: Focusing on FITs

- FIT educational sessions
 - Designed specifically to address topics of relevance, including aspects of the transition to practice.
- Meetings for FITs and Program Directors
 - These often feature early-career allergists who share their experiences.
- FIT Bowl popular annual meeting event
 - Teams test their knowledge, cleverness, ability to listen and quickly respond to questions in this fast-paced event.



Annual Clemens von Pirquet Awards – 2022 Recipients



Kelly Boyd, MD, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA – first place for the abstract “Impact of Allergen Sensitization on Airflow Limitation in Children with Severe Asthma.”



Prudhvi Regula, MD, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY – second place for the abstract “Unrecognized Parasitic Infections As A Cause Of Persistent Eosinophilia In An Inner-City Allergy Clinic Population.”



Michael D'Netto, MD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN – third place for the abstract “Non-infectious Complications Affect Survival in COVID Patients.”



SPARK Program

- Developed to “spark” an interest in allergy/immunology for residents.
- \$1,500 provided to help cover expenses for three days at the Annual Meeting.
- Each SPARK recipient is paired with a mentor during the meeting (and beyond).
 - Volunteers from the Program Director’s Committee and FIT representatives serve as mentors.
- 20 residents received SPARK awards in 2022.



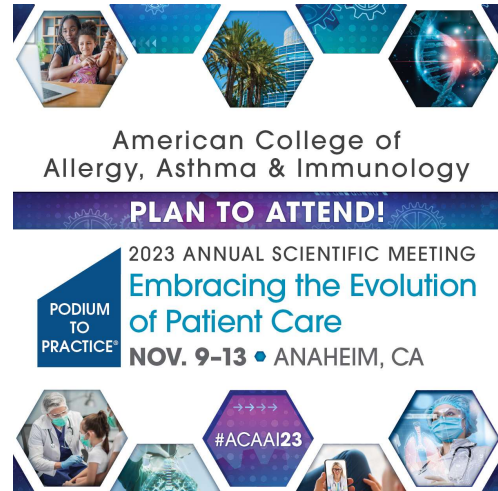
2023 Scholarships and Awards

Information on **2023 travel scholarships** and awards will be available in the spring. Look for emails and stay tuned to our weekly e-newsletter, College Insider, and our print newsletter, College Advantage, for details.



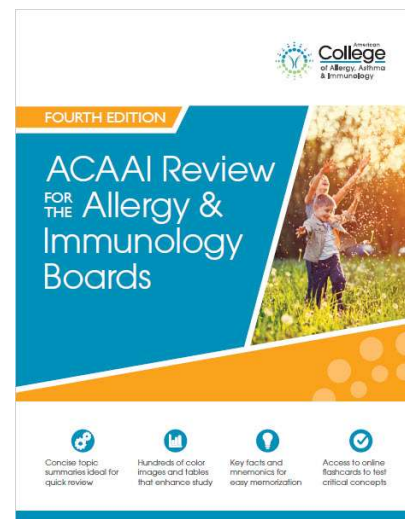
2023 Annual Scientific Meeting

- **November 9 - 13 in Anaheim**
- Programs and workshops to enhance attendees' skills, plus a special track and activities just for FITs.
- Opportunities to network and interact with colleagues.
- 240 FITs attended the 2022 meeting in Louisville.



Board Review Resources

- **AIM Self-Assessment Volumes 1 & 2:**
 - More than 100 cased-based study questions per volume
 - Includes rationales and references
 - Pricing recently reduced for FITs!
- **ACAAI Board Review Book (4th Edition)**
 - Available in print and online
 - 550 pages of key concepts and facts
 - Tables, images and 600+ eFlashcards



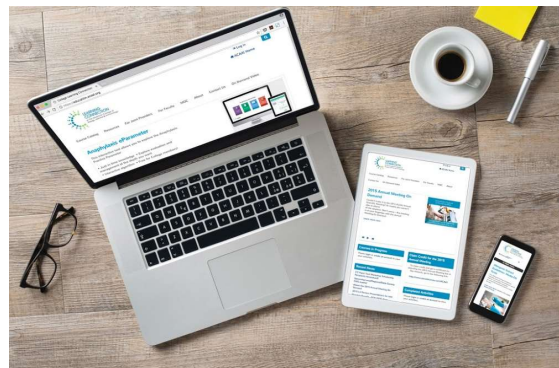
More Board Review Resources

- **FIT Board Review Corner** has more than 350 study questions covering AI textbook content.
- **2022 Joint Board Review Course Online**
 - 47 video lectures
 - 170+ practice questions
 - Study Guide
- Online interactive **ACAAI eParameters and eYardsticks**
- **Online toolkits, webinars, video and podcasts**



CME when and where you want it

- The **College Learning Connection** features more than 600 hours of instruction!
- Most modules and webinars are **FREE** for College members (many with CME credit).
- Keep track of your certificates.
- Access anytime, anywhere at **education.acaai.org**.



Annual Scientific Meeting On Demand

- Earn CME!
- If you attended the 2022 meeting in Louisville or via the Livestream program, access to On Demand content is free at annualmeeting.acaai.org/ondemand.cfm
- Those who didn't attend, purchase On Demand packages at education.acaai.org/ondemand.



Practice Management 101: What FITs didn't learn in medical school

The College has a wealth of practice management info for FITs.

- **New:** our **FIT and New Allergist Toolkit** has resources new allergists need to get started in practice, plus help selecting and negotiating their first position as an allergist.
- More than 20 toolkits!
 - **Coding** – allergy coding webinars, online educational modules and our FAQ database.
 - **Allergen extract mixing** – resources to implement the USP 797 regulations.
 - **Biologics** – clinical & practice resources to implement biologics in practice.
 - **Marketing and patient materials** – reach patients and build a practice.
 - **Penicillin** – everything you need to implement penicillin allergy testing.
 - **Prior Authorization** – tools to simplify prior authorizations, including customizable appeal letters.
- And much more!



Community Grant Program

- Almost \$200,000 has been awarded since the program began in 2021.
- **Planning Grants:** Up to \$10,000 for 12 months.
- **Implementation Grants:** Up to \$25,000 for 12 – 24 months.
- Letters of Inquiry due Feb. 15, 2023.



**THE ALLERGISTS'
FOUNDATION**
of the American College of
Allergy, Asthma & Immunology

Visit college.acaai.org/grants to learn more



Program Directors, GME Committee

- Supports and responds to the needs of training programs and FITs.
- Strengthens the relationship between training programs, FITs and the College.
- Focuses on emergent needs of new practitioners.
- Expands outreach to residents.



Program Directors, GME Committee

The Committee oversees:

- SPARK Program.
- Patch Test Training Scholarship Program.
- AIM Self-Assessment Program.
- ACAAI Review for the Allergy & Immunology Boards.



See how your compensation compares to your colleagues

- The College partners with MGMA to collect allergy-specific compensation data. Participants get free access to the results.
 - Breakouts available for academic vs. Community practice data.
- Everything is completely confidential.
- Data collection will be streamlined in 2023 by mapping the survey directly to your system files!
- Visit college.acaai.org/compensation to participate before **Feb. 10**.



We're working for you

The College and Advocacy Council advocate for the practicing allergist on critical issues affecting our specialty:

- Medicare reimbursement
- 95165 issues
- Prior authorization burdens
- No Surprises Act - Good Faith Estimate provisions
- Narrow networks/Step therapy

The Advocacy Council... ADVOCATING FOR ALLERGISTS AND THEIR PATIENTS.



How YOU can get involved

- If you are not already a member, join the College at **college.acaai.org/join**.
- Apply to join the Program Directors (GME) Committee.
- Get involved in any of the College's other committees.
- Express interest in serving on the Nominating Council (always includes one PD).
- Propose topics and present or moderate Annual Meeting sessions.



The College is
focused on your
needs

We are proud
to be a full partner
with the AAAAI in
bringing this meeting
and today's sessions
to you.

