



# Paul V. Williams, MD, FAAAAI AAAAI 2024-2025 President

Program Directors Assembly Winter Meeting  
January 11, 2025

An allergist / immunologist membership organization dedicated to advancing the knowledge and practice of allergy, asthma and immunology for optimal patient care.



## AAAAI Executive Committee



L to R: Paul V. Williams, MD, FAAAAI, President; Frank S. Virant, MD, FAAAAI, President-Elect; Carla M. Davis, MD, FAAAAI, Secretary-Treasurer; Jonathan A. Bernstein, MD, FAAAAI, Immediate Past President; Thanai Pongdee, MD, FAAAAI, At-Large Representative

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### AAAAI 2025 Travel Scholarships & Awards

**Domestic Fellows-In-Training**  
273 scholarships | \$346,300 in funding

**International Fellows-in-Training**  
13 scholarships | \$26,000 in funding

**PhD Travel Scholarship**  
32 scholarships | \$43,600 in funding

**Medical Student/Residents**  
266 scholarships | \$257,000 in funding

**TOTAL: \$672,900 supporting fellow and student travel to the 2025 AAAAI/WAO Joint Congress**

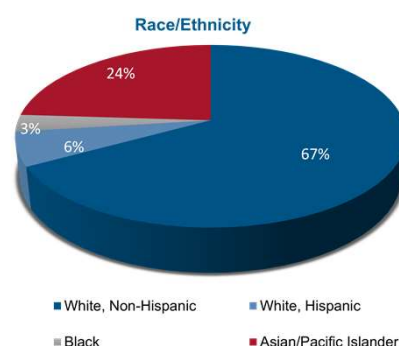
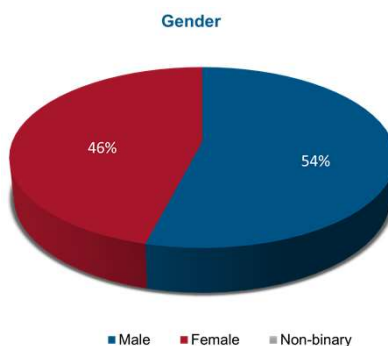
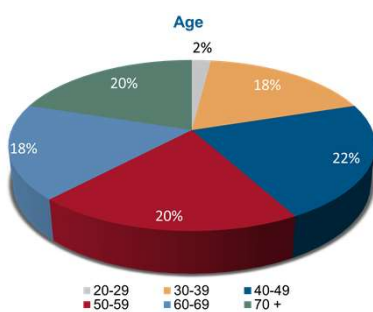
### 2025 AAAAI & AAAAI Foundation Grant/Award Offerings

- Three Foundation Faculty Development Awards (each \$300,000 over three years)
- Three AAAAI Foundation Award to Sustain Research Excellence (each \$100,000 over one year)
- One AAAAI Drug Hypersensitivity Award (\$150,000 over two years)

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## Recent Survey Demographics LH1



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**LH1** Clarification: The demographics represented here are not representative of the specialty. They are the demos of those who took our survey.

Lori Holly, 1/6/2025

## AAAAI Chrysalis Project

### In addition to the travel scholarships...

The Chrysalis Project was developed to increase medical student and resident knowledge about the pathogenesis and treatment of common allergic and immunologic disease, to increase student awareness of training programs in allergy and immunology and to introduce promising students to a field that represents an exciting option in medical education.

### 2025 Chrysalis Project 60 participants



2024 Chrysalis participants in Washington, DC

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## AAAAI Fellows-in-Training

### FIT Liaisons:

- Advocacy Committee
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
- New Allergist/Immunologist Assembly (NAIA)
- Office of Medical Education
- Practice Management Committee
- Primary Immunodeficiency Committee
- Social Media

### FIT-Faculty Reviewer Program:

Purpose: to facilitate faculty mentorship to assist FITs in learning how to review for scientific journals.

More information online including training materials:  
<https://shorturl.at/AGNU2>



Priya Patel, MD  
FIT Committee Chair



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# Program Directors Assembly (PDA)

Allergist Resources ▾
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Professional Education / For Program Directors
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**Access information on:**

- Assembly committees
- In-Training Exam
- PDA toolbox
- A/I training programs

## For Program Directors

The AAAAI is committed to offering allergy / immunology program directors information and tools to assist with the vital responsibilities of overseeing the curriculum for fellows-in-training, as well as recruiting the best talent into the specialty.

The Program Directors Assembly (PDA) membership includes program, associate, assistant and co-directors of A/I training programs that are officially accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC). Currently there are over 195 assembly members from 84 US and 14 Canadian A/I training programs.

Along with educational duties, program directors are responsible for maintaining the accreditation of their training programs. This section includes PDA related resources.

**Program Director Assembly Committees and Liaisons**  
[Program Directors Assembly \(PDA\) Executive Committee](#)

<https://www.aaaai.org/Professional-Education/Program-Directors>

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## 2025 AAAAI/WAO Joint Congress

Presidential Plenary:  
 Environmental Influences on the Microbiome: Impact on Allergic Diseases



**Continuing This Year - Discovery**  
 Mechanisms of Type 2 Inflammation in Disease and Beyond, is the second annual three-day conference that specifically features cutting-edge basic science research.

## 2025 Practice Management Workshop

FIT registration fee: \$100



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## AAAAI Advocacy

- Bipartisan Penicillin Allergy Verification and Evaluation Act (PAVE) adds penicillin allergy delabeling to Medicare intake and annual exams.
- **Fighting to stop Medicare physician pay cuts, reform reimbursement and fix utilization management/prior authorization, which impacts ALL payers' policies**
- **Working to extend telemedicine policies launched during the pandemic that have improved patient access to care**
- **Advocating for increasing allergy/immunology-related research funding**
- **Promoting expansion of residency spots and debt repayment help for medical school students and residents who serve federally identified areas of higher need**
- Encouraging early introduction of peanut in federal nutrition support programs
- Immediate reversal from UnitedHealthcare on inappropriate coverage criteria for Xolair for food allergy, impacting other payers as well.

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## AAAAI Presidential Initiatives Update

**Presidential Theme: Environment, Climate Change and Impact on Allergic Disease**

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## Goals

- Establish the allergist immunologist as the preferred expert on environmental impacts on respiratory and skin disease
- Accomplish this by working with existing AAAAI Interest Sections and committees and assemblies to develop work groups
  - Education
  - Advocacy
  - Research
- Sustainability

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## Groups Involved

- Environmental Exposures and Respiratory Health Committee (EORD)
- Microbial Triggers of Allergic & Immunologic Diseases (EORD)
- Office of Practice Management (P&P Division)
- Advocacy Committee (Board)
- SA<sup>3</sup>M<sup>3</sup>PRO Committee (HETQ)
- WIRT Committee (Board)
- Leadership Institute
- Regional, State and Local Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Societies Assembly (RSLAAIS)
- Program Directors Assembly
- Collaboration
  - SA<sup>3</sup>M<sup>3</sup>PRO, DEI Committee, Women's Health in A/I Committee, Rhinitis, Rhinosinusitis and Ocular Allergy Committee
  - National Association of School Nurses, CDC, Mom's Clear Air Force

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## Accomplishments

- Theme of 2025 Joint Congress
- Slide sets
- Web pages
- Work Groups/Publications
- Toolkits
- Handouts
  - Allergists and patients
- Key external collaborations
  - CDC
    - Heat Tool
    - AirNow

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## Presidential Initiative: Communication Re-Emphasis - Focus on the Specialty

- Develop/Continue communication to educate the public, payers, government and primary care about the training and value of allergists
- Talking points and instruction for community allergists to use with the public, payers, state and local government and primary care
  - Encourage the involvement of allergists in the education of primary care residents
- Potential involvement of Division and Program Directors

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## Presidential Initiative: Communication Re-Emphasis - Internal Communications

- Educate FITs about AAAAI activities
- Post committee reports in a central location so committee leadership (and members) can see what others have done or are doing
- Share practicing allergists issues with Division Directors and PDs
- Encourage/Facilitate the use of community allergists in training programs

## Strategic Plan

- AAAAI Assessment Survey
- Workshop
  - Key leaders including Division and Program Directors
- Key foci
  - Advocacy, Education, Communication, Research, Training
- Annual Meeting

## Future Efforts

- Presidential Initiatives 2025-26
  - Increase the number of fellowship slots
- Advocacy with CMS
- Collaboration with community allergists
  - Community allergist training program
- Communication Strategic Plan

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## Annual Benefit

SAN DIEGO, CA – 2025

Celebrating and Supporting Research



Registration available with your  
AAAAI / WAO Joint Congress registration or by visiting  
[https://www.aaaifoundation.org/forms/benefit\\_tickets.php](https://www.aaaifoundation.org/forms/benefit_tickets.php)

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Join us  
March 1, 2025

for an evening of  
fine food, great music  
and the presentation of our

2025 Faculty  
Development Awards

Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina  
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Cocktail Attire

Ticket Prices:  
\$300 - Patron  
\$3,000 - Table of 10  
\$200 - NAIA/Allied Health  
\$125 - Student

## 2023-2024 Faculty Development Awards Impact Study Results

\$ 10,900,000

has been provided by the Foundation in major awards since 1993

\$119,776,672

in federal grants have been granted to our award recipients after the Foundation provided initial support

47 of our 49

major awardees have continued their careers in allergy/immunology

AAAAI FOUNDATION

# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Run/Walk

SAN DIEGO, CA



Better Health, Brighter Future

*Join us for competition, fitness, food, fun, and live music!*

**Sunday, March 2nd**  
**4:30PM On-Site Registration**  
**5PM Event Start**



Register online before 2/22 for **only \$25!**  
 For more information, visit  
<https://www.aaaifoundation.org/special-events>

