

ACAAI: Committed to FITs and Program Directors

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The College

Total College
members

6,833

Residents

410

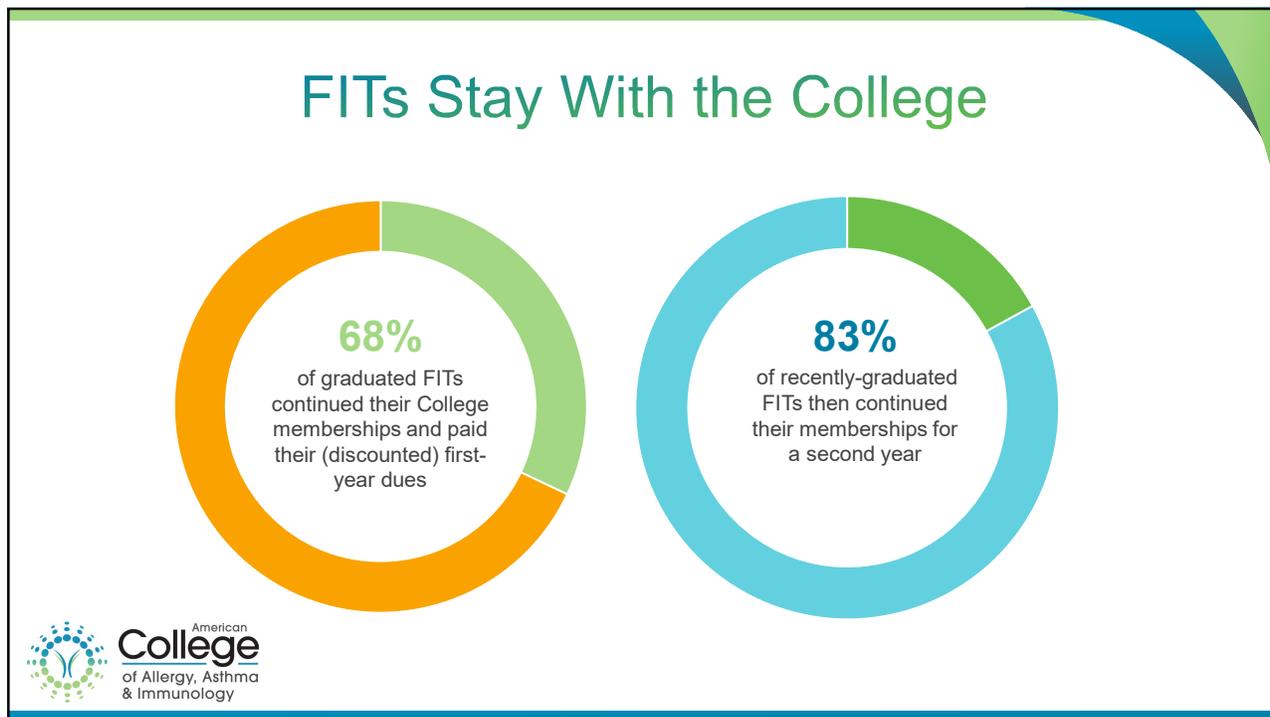
Fellows-in-
Training

385

College members are dedicated to improving patient care in allergy, asthma and immunology through research, education and advocacy.



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FITs Can Join the College For Free

Joining is easy



Visit
college.acaai.org/fellow-in-training

Why join?

-  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 secure online community for clinical discussions
-  Ability to apply for ACAAI and Foundation grants, including annual meeting travel scholarships



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More Benefits for FIT Members

Board Review resources
Tools to help FITs study for the Board exam

Patch Test Training Scholarships
The Patch Test Workshop provides both didactic and hands-on experience with all aspects of patch testing

FIT and New Allergist Toolkit
Resources to help FITs find their first position and get started in practice



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FIT Representation

Two FITs serve on the Board of Regents – **Amber Hardeman, MD, MPH, MBA**, Senior FIT Representative and **Afia B. Adu-Gyamfi, MD**, Junior FIT Representative

There are 10 regional FIT representatives

FITs play a vital role on College committees



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ACAAI Annual Meeting

Focusing on FITs

- Educational sessions address topics relevant to FITs
- Meetings and networking for FITs and Program Directors
- FIT Bowl – questions test FITs in this fun, fast-paced event
- 289 FITs attended the 2025 meeting in Orlando and received travel scholarships (if requested). The College makes a conscious effort to award travel scholarships to every FIT that qualifies
- Scholarly opportunities – research abstracts, medically-challenging case abstracts and ePosters

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Clemens von Pirquet Awards

2025 recipients



Hanna Knihtila, MD, PhD
Stanford University

Genome-wide Multi-omic
Analysis of the Genetic
Origins of Asthma



Thanaporn Ratchataswan, MD
Vanderbilt University
Medical Center

Practical Evaluation of
Biologic Hypersensitivity in
a Drug Allergy Clinic:
A 10-Year Review



Catherine Ye, MD
Mount Sinai, New York

An Improved Model for
Training Medical Students
in Antibiotic Stewardship
and Applying the PEN-
FAST Tool



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SPARK Program



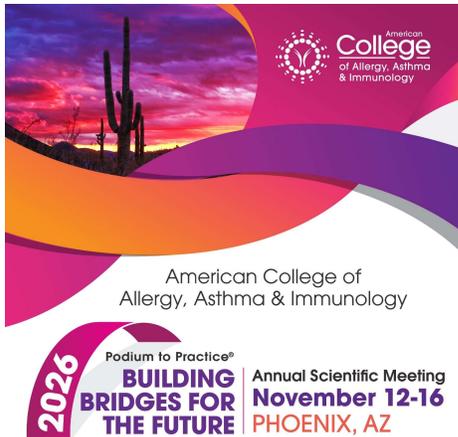
- Developed to “spark” an interest in allergy/immunology for residents
- \$1,500 is awarded to help cover expenses for three days at the Annual Meeting
- Each SPARK awardee is paired with a mentor during the meeting and beyond: FITs are recruited to serve as mentors
- 2025: There were 28 SPARK Awards



2026 initiative: To increase the number of SPARK awards to medical residents and medical students at historically Black colleges and universities

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2026 Annual Scientific Meeting



- November 12-16 in Phoenix, Arizona
- Programs and workshops to enhance skills, plus a special track and activities just for FITs
- Prime opportunities to network and interact with colleagues



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ACAAI Annual Meeting On Demand

Anyone who attended the 2025 Annual Meeting in Orlando or via the Livestream Program gets free access to On Demand content

Log in at education.accai.org then visit education.accai.org/ondemand

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ACAAI Board Review Resources



Board Review Book

Fifth edition came out in 2024

Print and online versions available

Content aligns with ABAI Blueprint

Key fact and mnemonics for easy memorization

More than 660 e-flashcards



AIM Self-Assessments

Volumes 1 and 2

More than 100 case-based study questions in each volume

Includes rationales and references

Volume 3 is coming in early 2026

More Board Review Resources



FIT Board Review Corner – hundreds of study questions covering A/I textbook content



Joint Board Review Course – semi-annual online course with 30+ hours of content

education.accai.org/FITresources

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Career Resources



Career Center

Post an open position or look for career opportunities



Resolve

Professional services for physicians on employment contracts and negotiating salaries and benefits. Discounts for College members!



Job Fair

Held each year at the ACAAI Annual Meeting



MGMA survey

The College partners with MGMA to collect allergy-specific compensation data. FITs regularly ask for this data



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Community Grant Program



The Allergists' Foundation has awarded more than \$485,000 since 2021

Planning Grants: Up to \$10,000 for 12 months

Implementation Grants: Up to \$25,000 for 12-24 months

FITs can apply!

Letters of Inquiry for 2026 funding are due February 16, 2026

Visit college.acaai.org/grants to learn more



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College Learning Connection (CLC)

More than 600 hours of instruction – most of it FREE to College members – toolkits, MicroCME, webinars, podcast episodes, eYardsticks and more

Many offer CME!

The CLC keeps track of all of your CME activities, so you can find them easily

Visit the CLC at education.acaaai.org



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Practice Management Center

More than 25 toolkits with essential resources for allergists. Visit it at college.acaaai.org/pmc

FIT and New Allergist Toolkit – resources needed to get started in practice, plus help choosing and negotiating first positions as allergists

New! Employed Allergist Toolkit – resources to make practicing as an employed allergist easier- clinical guidance, patient education, contract info, and more

Other toolkits cover Relative Value Units (RVUs), coding, prior auths, biologics and more



Practice Management



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Program Directors (GME) Committee



Gisoo Gharrafi, MD,
Chair

- 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

The Committee oversees:

- SPARK Program
- Patch Testing Training Scholarship Program
- AIM Self-Assessment Program
- ACAAI Review of the Allergy & Immunology Boards



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Annals FIT Award

- Recognizes the best articles in *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology* published by a FIT
- FITs who publish the best articles (original research or review) in *Annals* will receive a cash award of up to \$2,500
- Program Directors can nominate worthy FITs

Details coming soon about 2026 award!



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Pathways to Practice (P2P)



ACAII Pathways to Practice

Advancing Excellence
One Fellow at a Time

- Addresses the growing shortage of practicing allergists in the United States
- Supports the training of 16 allergy/immunology fellows through four competitive \$250,000 (two-year) grants awarded annually
- Deadline for 2026 applications: April 15, 2026
- Visit college.acaai.org/pathways-to-practice



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Community & Academic Allergists Partnership in Education & Research (CA²PER)



CA²PER

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Allergists Partnership in
Education & Research

Brings together academic and community allergists to conduct practice-based translational research

A total of \$100,000 in grant funding is available in 2026 for projects that address research questions of relevance to clinical practice that are ultimately important for improving allergy and immunology care

Visit college.acaai.org/get-involved/ca2per_program

Deadline to apply for 2026 funding: Jan. 15, 2026



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Community Allergists Partnership in Education (CAPE)



CAPE
Community Allergists
Partnership in
Education Program®

- Pairs FITs, medical students, residents and fellows with opportunities to learn in real-world, allergy office settings
- Learn more at college.acaii.org/CAPE



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The Advocacy Council – Working For You



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

- Medicare and private insurance company reimbursement
 - 95165 issues
- Prior authorization burdens



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How Can You Get Involved?

- Join the College or renew your membership
- Apply to join the Program Directors (GME) Committee
- Get involved in other College committees
- Express interest in serving on the Nominating Council, which always includes one PD
- Propose topics and present/moderate Annual Meeting sessions



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The College is Focused on Your Needs

We are proud to be a full partner in bringing this meeting to you. Thank you for joining us!



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