



Featured News

Your Donations In Action

Your contributions to the Foundation's Travel Grants and Scholarships initiative allow us to foster the next generation of cardiovascular ultrasound professionals. Thanks to your donations to our 2025 Annual Appeal, this year we were able to award 25 sonographer student scholarships and travel grants, as well as 18 council travel grants! Please join us in congratulating this year's Council Travel Grant winners, who each received a \$1,000 travel stipend to attend the [2026 ASE Scientific Sessions](#). The scholarship winners were announced in our May Newsletter, which you can read [here](#).

Cardiovascular Sonography Council

- **Anna Lise Brinson, RCS**, Duke University, Durham, NC
- **Emily Lynch, RCS**, Duke University, Durham, NC
- **Zachary Bukowski, MS**, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH

Circulation & Vascular Ultrasound Council

- **Aaron Bush, MA**, University of Colorado Hospital, Aurora, CO
- **Amanda Morrison, MD, RPVI**, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN
- **Ashwini Ashwath, MBBS**, Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, NY

Critical Care Echocardiography Council

- **Aaron Troy, MD, MPH**, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
- **Muhammad Ahsan, MD**, Stony Brook University Hospital, Stony Brook, NY
- **Natalie Millet, DO**, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ

Interventional Echocardiography Council

- **Emilio Herrera, MD**, Clínica Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia
- **Carol Garcia, MD**, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL
- **Christopher James, DO, RPVI**, Palmetto General Hospital, Hialeah, FL

Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease Council

- **Harsha Kanumalla, MBBS**, Children's Hospital at Montefiore, Bronx, NY
- **Elyssa Cohen, MD**, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- **Alexandra Dennee, MD**, Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital, Baylor, TX

Perioperative Echocardiography Council

- **Andrew Landry, BS, RDCS**, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- **Celso Grimm Junior, MD**, Hospital São José, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- **José Mateus Costa, MD**, Takaoka Anestesia, São Paulo, Brazil

Announcements

Early-Career Development Grants Available for Echo Scientists – Deadline Approaching

Application Deadline: July 1

The Early-Career Development Grant for Echo Scientists (EDGES) program awards **three grants** worth up to **\$25,000 USD** to fund projects that address a clinical gap in cardiovascular ultrasound imaging through research led by an early-career scientist. No specific research themes will be prioritized, and clinical gaps may include, but are not limited to new imaging technologies, novel approaches or populations for diagnostic imaging, ultrasound therapy, workflow automation, or patient/practitioner safety. Physicians, PhDs, veterinarians, sonographers, and other healthcare professionals who are within seven years of having completed training are eligible to **apply through July 1, 2026, 5:00 PM ET**. Learn more [here](#).



All Things ASEF at ASE 2026

Step Up To The Challenge!

Friday, June 26 – Sunday, June 28 at 12:00 PM, ASEF Booth #514

The Foundation will host its very popular [step challenge](#), tracking steps taken throughout the weekend. Be sure to pack your walking shoes and opt for the stairs instead of the elevator or escalator. The top five steppers will receive an ASE Brand Store gift card! Sign up in advance [here](#).



Images from the Heart Photo Exhibit

Friday, June 26 – Sunday, June 28, ASEF Booth #514

On display at the ASE Foundation booth will be beautiful photographs taken by ASE members while volunteering for ASE Foundation global health outreach events. The remarkable pictures will be available to take home with a donation in the photographer's name.

NEW: Donate Monthly – Get a Free Gift

Friday, June 26 – Sunday, June 28, ASEF Booth #514

Stop by our booth to join the ASE Foundation's sustainer club by setting up a monthly contribution. All current and new sustainers will receive an E.C.H.O. tote bag and sticker! Remember, every contribution helps out (E.C.H.O.)!



Arthur E. Weyman Young Investigator's Award Competition

Saturday, June 27, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, Aurora B

This competition is supported by the National Board of Echocardiography, Inc. (NBE) in honor of its first president, **Arthur E. Weyman, MD, FASE**. Four investigators will present their research to a panel of experts, and a winner will be selected and awarded \$1,500. The winner is then invited to present their research at the upcoming European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging's EACVI 2026 meeting, and the Japanese Society of Echocardiography's Annual Scientific Meeting the following spring.

17th Annual Research Awards Gala

Saturday, June 27, 2026, 6:30 – 11:00 PM, Colorado Ballroom

The ASE Foundation's premiere fundraising event, the sold-out Research Awards Gala will take place Saturday, June 27 in the Colorado Ballroom. We look forward to an evening celebrating cardiovascular ultrasound research and honoring the 2026 ASE Award winners. Pick up your table assignment at the ASE Foundation Booth #514 before the event or at the registration desk when you arrive. To be added to the wait list, please contact Foundation@ASEcho.org.



NEW: Research Awards Gala Afterparty Tickets

Saturday, June 27, 2026, 9:30 – 11:00 PM, Colorado Ballroom

The ASE Foundation is happy to announce a new opportunity for this year's Research Awards Gala: an **afterparty-only** ticket. For a \$50 donation, you can attend the Gala afterparty where you will enjoy dancing with DJ entertainment, photo booth, and complimentary snack bar. Cash bars will also be available. Tickets are limited and will only be available for sale at the ASE Foundation booth June 26 and 27 before the Gala. Tickets must be presented at the door to enter. *If you are attending the Gala, the afterparty is included and you do not need to purchase a separate afterparty ticket.*

The Brian Haluska Sonographer Research Award Competition

Sunday, June 28, 9:45 – 11:15 AM, Aurora B

In honor of the late **Brian Haluska, PhD, MSC (HONS), MSC, RDCS, AMS, FASE**, and his incredible contributions to sonographer-led research over the course of his career, this competition recognizes non-physicians who served as the primary investigator on their project of original work. During this session the competition finalists will present their research, and a winner will be selected by a panel of echo experts and receive a \$500 award.

ASEF Named Lectures at ASE 2026

The ASE Foundation proudly funds [named lectures](#) presented at the annual ASE Scientific Sessions. These lectureships provide a forum for honoring leaders within the field, while promoting research, education, global health, ethics, and humanitarian patient care. Please plan to attend these lecture presentations!

Kerber-Kirkpatrick Ethics/Humanitarian Lecture

Friday, June 26, 9:15 – 10:15 AM, Aurora A

Sara Nikravan, MD, FASE will present "POCUS at the Heart of Global Health".

Kalmanson Lecture

Saturday, June 27, 7:30 – 8:30 AM, Aurora B

Philippe Pibarot, DVM, PhD, FASE will present "Low-Flow, Low -Gradient Aortic Stenosis: Redefining Risk in Complex Hemodynamics".

Gardin Lecture

Saturday, June 27, 8:45 – 9:45 AM, Aurora A

Keith Churchwell, MD will present "Where Pictures Can Paint a Thousand Words: Optimizing and Enhancing Cardiovascular Care for All".

Bijoy K. Khandheria Memorial Lecture

Sunday, June 28, 8:15 – 9:15 AM, Aurora B

Abdoul Kane, MD will present "The ASEF and Putting the Guidelines to Work in Senegal".

It's not too early to start thinking about your 2026 charitable contributions. Learn about the numerous ways you can give to the ASE Foundation [here](#).



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