The Ferrada Travel Scholarship to Surgeons in Training from USA to Latin America

In the early to mid 19th century, it was common practice for young physicians of the day to travel abroad to continue their studies in the wards and operative theaters of foreign countries. These scholars were exposed to advanced medical concepts and philosophies of medical training that were not readily available to them in their native land. Famous surgeons such as William Halsted and Harvey Cushing returned from these travels armed with the knowledge and experience that permitted them to advance surgical training and surgical care. The concept of such collaboration has been in place for many years. Renowned surgeons such as David Feliciano and Aurelio Rodriguez have brought back surgical knowledge from South America to the United States. Recognizing the need of an structured program and with the sponsorship of Dr Paula Ferrada, the Pan-American trauma society proudly announces the travel scholarship for surgeons in training from the USA to Latin America.

Requirements:
The applicant should have a US passport. Should have proof of being on a ACGME training program. Most submit a letter of interest and a CV; as well as particular interest and a list of countries where those interests can be achieved. The program director of each applicant should be aware and agreeable to these objectives as well of travel plans.

Our commitment:
Find a mentor that will nurture those interests and serve as a point of contact and teacher during the time the scholar has been allowed to travel. Cover the cost of travel to such country.

Application:
- Current CV
- Personal Statement
- Letter from program Director agreeing to the travel
- Proof of interest in trauma and international health

Important dates:
The application is due on December 15 2013 for scholarships in 2014. Send application information to Dr Paula Ferrada MD FACS pferrada@mcvh-vcu.edu

This year's fellow Scholarship Recipients:
Greg Peck MD. Emory university- Mentor Ricardo Ferrada Colombia