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On behalf of the American Thoracic Society (ATS), we are writing to share the exciting new mission of the ATS International Bootcamp and invite our international partner societies to nominate candidates to participate in our newly revamped program.

Since its inaugural year in 2014, the ATS Boot Camp course has been dedicated to preparing resident trainees with the skills and knowledge needed to flourish on their first day of specialty training. Through this program, we aim to develop trainee skills and knowledge in the areas of bronchoscopy, mechanical ventilation, airway management, and ultrasound, as well as develop approaches to common pulmonary and ICU problems. We accomplish this through hands-on skills training and simulation-based modalities, complemented by didactic teaching and small group discussion.

Since 2017 we have been delighted to expand the Resident Bootcamp to include international trainees from our partner societies and over this time have learned a lot from our colleagues across the world about their particular training needs. As we strive to promote relationships between the ATS and its international partner societies through the common goal of supporting the development of the next generation of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine Physicians worldwide, the International Bootcamp has evolved into a program designed for educational leaders *in addition* to representative trainees.

Our objective is to provide support to medical educators across the world who are seeking a model and guidance for establishing a local training seminar, modeled after the ATS Resident Bootcamp, aimed to prepare early career physicians or medical trainees as they transition into specialized training in pulmonary and/or critical care medicine. To accomplish this goal, members of the ATS traditional Resident Bootcamp committee will collaborate with medical education leaders from partner societies through the delineation of how the ATS Resident Bootcamp was created, implemented and iteratively improved, with subsequent guidance in tailoring a similar program for their individual society needs. This would include discussion and individualized planning for needs assessments, engagement of stakeholders, development of learning objectives, delineation of necessary resources, implementation and program evaluation.

The ATS will be holding the 2020 International Boot Camp course on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia Pennsylvania, USA. We are reaching out to offer your society an opportunity to nominate **one** educational leader (faculty level) **and one** trainee for the first iteration of this exciting program.

The ATS will cover the cost of a two-night hotel stay as well as conference registration. Food and drink is provided throughout the course. Please consider the following when nominating participants in *both* categories:

- Participants must be able to attend both days of the Boot Camp (May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>)
- English is the primary language spoken at the course. Please consider nominating participants whose ability to speak and understand English is sufficient for learning in this setting.

Additional requirements specific to each participant, as well as course objectives are detailed below:

	<b>Program Objectives</b>	<b>Additional Requirements</b>
<b>Educator Nominee</b>	<p>Through guided observation of the simultaneously occurring resident Boot Camp and with expert guidance and staff support the educator will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquire knowledge to (1) perform a needs assessment, (2) engage stakeholders, (3) create learning objectives, (4) obtain necessary supportive resources</li> <li>• Develop strategies to implement and evaluate a “Boot Camp” program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have completed specialty training in pulmonary and/or critical care medicine</li> <li>• Must have demonstrated interest in education leadership.</li> <li>• Must have support from their society to create a “Boot Camp” for their trainees.</li> </ul>
<b>Trainee Nominee</b>	<p>Through participation in the Resident Boot Camp, the trainee will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquire knowledge of basic techniques and principles of mechanical ventilation, airway management, and bronchoscopy.</li> <li>• Attain skills in vascular, thoracic, and pleural ultrasound image acquisition.</li> <li>• Improve knowledge base in cardiopulmonary physiology.</li> <li>• Develop strategies to successfully manage common clinical emergencies encountered as a trainee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be trained in internal medicine seeking specialized training in pulmonary and/or critical care medicine.</li> <li>• Must not be a recipient of the ATS International Trainee Travel Award (ITTA)</li> </ul>

More details on the Resident Bootcamp can be found on the ATS website:

<https://conference.thoracic.org/program/early-career-professionals/resident-boot-camp.php>

We kindly ask that you email the names and credentials of the trainees to Lauren Lynch

([llynch@thoracic.org](mailto:llynch@thoracic.org)) by **January 13, 2020**.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this valuable training opportunity for our education leaders and the next generation of trainees in our field. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us anytime.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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