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Academy Programs

- AAD's Teledermatology Program – Sign-up to join AAD's philanthropic teledermatology program, designed to deliver dermatologic expertise to underserved populations.
The platform provides consultations between referring clinicians and dermatologists using store and forward images. The program targets federally qualified healthcare centers and other free clinics. AAD members are matched to qualified clinics in their states to provide free consults using software provided by Medweb.
<https://www.aad.org/member/career/volunteer/teledermatology>
- SPOT Skin Cancer™ Screenings - Provide a skin cancer screening in your community using the AAD's SPOTme branded materials. <https://www.aad.org/spot-skin-cancer/what-we-do/free-skin-cancer-screenings>
- Skin Cancer "Take a Hike" – The Academy's signature fundraising event benefiting skin cancer prevention and early detection programs and services in local communities. Proceeds raised from Skin Cancer, Take a Hike!™ helps AAD continue to provide free skin cancer screenings, grants to build shade structures, and education and awareness activities to underserved communities. Register for an event with your friends, family and colleagues to showcase your support for this great cause: www.aad.org/SCTAH
- Media Expert Team - Get media trained at an AAD scientific meeting and apply to join the AAD's Media Expert Team. If accepted, you will help educate the public about dermatology and position the specialty through media interviews. Utilize the [Media Relations Toolkit](#) to educate your community about the importance of skin, hair and nail care.
- AAD Shade Structure Program – Protect children from the sun's dangerous UV rays by identifying a need for a shade structure, sponsoring an AAD Shade Structure grant application, or consider donating funds as an individual, a group, or even with your local or state dermatologic society to provide shade in your communities. <https://www.aad.org/public/public-health/shade-structure-grants>

Pathways

- **Skin Science:** We're providing AAD members with a diversity champion toolkit to help them conduct outreach to increase awareness of dermatology in local high schools and community colleges serving Black, Latine, and Indigenous communities.
- **Dermatology Career Preparation Program:** Premed college students can spend an immersive five days with dermatologists, dermatology residents, and medical students learning about medicine, dermatology, and how to succeed in a challenging field.
- **Bioskills Workshops:** Dynamic workshops offered for medical students in partnership with Nth Dimensions in order for students to have a deep dive into the specialty and try their hands at some basic dermatologic procedures.
- **AAD/Nth Dimensions Scholars Program:** First- and second-year medical students have an opportunity to participate in a robust 2-month summer internship, build a mentorship with a practicing dermatologist, and get guided support to prepare for their residency application and get ready for residency.
- **AAD/SID Gap Year Fellowship:** This fellowship aims to increase the representation of minorities in academic dermatology by supporting a competitive yearlong research program under the supervision of a vetted mentor.

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- **URM Resident Program:** Our Leadership Institute Resident Forum is designed to increase residency completion rates by providing you with leadership training, mentoring, and resources that can help prepare you to lead the way in dermatology. It's launching soon — check back for more information!
- AAD Camp Discovery - refer a child ages 8 to 16 with a skin condition to the AAD's Camp Discovery, sign-up to serve at one of the six camps, or organize a fundraiser to help children attend camp. <https://www.aad.org/public/public-health/camp-discovery>
- Good Skin Knowledge - Spread the word in your community about this youth education program, encourage organizations to teach the lesson plans and be a guest speaker for one of the lesson plan sessions. <https://www.aad.org/public/kids/good-skin-knowledge-lesson-plans-and-activities>
- IDEA Panel - Help the AAD stay on the cutting-edge by providing feedback on concepts related to the development of programs, products, and services. Being on the panel requires minimal time commitment and travel is not required. The primary function of a panelist is to participate in surveys, focus groups, and product testing as requested.
- Diversity Mentorship Program – offers a one-month hands-on exposure in the specialty of dermatology to medical students who are considered underrepresented in medicine.
- Expert Resource Groups - Expert Resource Groups (ERGs) are made up of individuals who come together to share information and knowledge about a particular topic. While different activities and goals exist among the ERGs, a common passion for the advancement of patient care is at the core of their efforts. ERGs develop and promote high standards of clinical care for patients with skin disease by providing clinical expertise, fostering research, advocating for the therapeutic needs of dermatology, and furthering education in the management of cutaneous disease. ERGs

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may be utilized as a source of knowledgeable individuals to call upon when an issue in the specific subject area arises that requires action on the part of the Academy.

In some instances, the President may ask that the ERG serve as an official Ad Hoc Task Force to address an issue, or the ERG may be asked to serve as subject matter experts to work with another committee or task force. There are fourteen Board-approved ERGs on the following topics: Atopic Dermatitis; Climate Change and Environmental Issues; Cutaneous Imaging; Dermatologists in Industry; Epidemiology; Geriatric Dermatology; Hidradenitis Suppurativa; Integrative Dermatology; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender/Sexual and Gender Minority (LGBT/SGM) Health; Psoriasis; Quality and Patient Safety Officers; HIV/Sexually Transmitted Infections; Society of Dermatology Hospitalists; and Women's Health.

Academic/Physician Education

- Contact local university to offer service.
- Be a mentor to a medical student, a resident, or a colleague. Mentorship may be formal or informal. Find someone to mentor you.
- Participate in the Annual or Summer Academy meetings. Submit a proposal for a session, offer to serve as director or faculty, or become a member of the Poster Exhibit review team.
- Submit an idea to be considered for use in the Question of the Week activity:
<https://www.aad.org/education/question-of-the-week>
- Mentor a young physician who is interested in developing critical appraisal and editorial skills through the *JAAD* Editorial Mentorship Program. Under your supervision, mentees review a variety of manuscripts, including prospective studies, retrospective studies, surveys, reviews, and letters. Mentorships last one year, with approximately 24 papers assigned per mentee during the 1-year program. For information or to volunteer as a mentor, contact Stephanie Dean at jaad@aad.org.

Community

- Local/County Medical Society — serve as a committee member or participate in local programs.
- Develop community awareness of sun, working with youth sports.
- Advocate for shaded benches for the little league, swim team, soccer and other activities and develop shade for the parents.
- Organize a fund-raiser for an activity you feel passionate about—bike-a-thon, walk, silent auction and donate the proceeds to an AAD Endowment.
- Organize a group to make a long-term commitment to a community organization.
- Provide dermatologic care to a free clinic (and raise money for medicines for that clinic).
- Organize a partnership with the local American Cancer Society chapter.
- Develop a skin safety lecture series for teens, adults, and seniors, using AAD resources at <https://www.aad.org/public/spot-skin-cancer/free-resources>

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State and Federal Advocacy

- Join your state/regional society—serve as a committee member or participate in local programs.
- Become active in lobbying in your state legislature for dermatologic issues.
<https://www.aad.org/advocacy/state-policy>
- Represent your local or state dermatology society at the AAD Advisory Board.
- <https://www.aad.org/about/advisory-board>
- Represent your state medical association at the AMA.
- Represent one of the dermatology societies with seats (AAD, ASDS, SID) at the AMA.
- Get to know your federal/state legislators. Sign-up to work on campaigns. Even one Saturday morning of walking precincts, working a phone bank, or a night stuffing mailer makes a big impact. Host an event at your home or other locale. The AADA staff or state medical association staff can help set up.
- Get involved: meet your members of Congress either in Washington or when they are at home, get to know the legislative aides who are very influential, host a fundraiser, and sign-up to work on campaigns.
- Attend the AADA's Legislative Conference. <https://www.aad.org/meetings/legislative-conference>
- Become a SkinPAC State Champion. Contact Skinpac staff at skinpac@aad.org for more information.

International

- **Resident International Grant:** the AAD provides funding for U.S. and Canadian senior dermatology residents to participate in a four- six-week elective in Gaborone, Botswana
- **International Society Travel Grants:** travel grants are available for U.S. and Canadian residents, fellows, or young dermatologists (within five years of completing residency) to attend annual meetings of select international dermatological societies.
<https://www.aad.org/member/career/awards/travel>

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Residents/Fellows Symposium – Annual Meeting <i>(Submit abstract for oral presentation)</i>	Education Dept	abstracts@aad.org
Gross & Microscopic Derm Symposium – Annual Meeting <i>(Submit case presentations for oral presentation)</i>	Education Dept	abstracts@aad.org
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