

# Your Guide to Being a CFAS Representative

The AAMC's Council of Faculty and Academic Societies (CFAS) represents medical school faculty and academic societies within the governance of the association. As a CFAS rep, you have an opportunity to be heard at a national level on a variety of issues critical to academic medicine. Equally important, you are positioned to bridge communication with your peers and colleagues, bringing their perspectives back to CFAS.



## How Is CFAS Organized?

CFAS has two distinct representative parts that coalesce into one voice. Each of the 141 AAMC member medical schools appoints their reps from faculty peers – one relatively early in career and one more senior. On the society side, the executive director or the board of a member society appoints two representatives from among their ranks. Each CFAS rep serves a three-year term, which may be repeated once.

CFAS direction is determined by a 15-member administrative board, which is a microcosm of the CFAS representative body. Like CFAS overall, the administrative board has faculty reps, society reps, junior or early career reps, and senior reps. The CFAS chair and chair elect serve on the AAMC's Board of Directors, providing CFAS with a direct link to the association's governance. The administrative board also includes an ex officio member who is chair of the AAMC's Group on Faculty Affairs. The CFAS Administrative Board meets throughout the year in person or via conference call.



## What Are Some Big Issues?

- GME funding, policy, and advocacy
- NIH funding, policy, and advocacy
- Faculty resilience
- Faculty definition and culture
- Biomedical research advancement
- The teaching and learning environment
- Health equity and diversity



## CFAS Member Resources

- [www.aamc.org/cfas](http://www.aamc.org/cfas)\*
- CFAS News\*\* (weekly)
- CFAS Representative Newsletter\*\* (bi-monthly)
- CFAS LinkedIn page (open only to CFAS reps; must apply for access)
- CFAS listserv (open only to CFAS reps)
- CFAS basic science listserv (for CFAS reps in the basic sciences)

CFAS members also can access resources, such as the AAMC Data Book, Faculty Salary Survey, and special rates on AAMC monographs, webinars, and tools at a discounted rate or at no cost in some cases.



## How to Get Involved

- Attend the CFAS Spring Meeting and Learn Serve Lead: the AAMC Annual Meeting, and the Medical Education meeting
- Suggest spring meeting session ideas and volunteer to present
- Facilitate or join a CFAS Committee or Task Force (opportunities will expand in 2015)
- Participate in breakfasts, group knowledge sharing sessions, and networking sessions
- Download CFAS presentations and resources to share with peers and colleagues at home
- Submit profile or article ideas to the CFAS Representative Update newsletter
- Engage on the CFAS LinkedIn page and listserv
- Send news items and tips from your institution to CFAS News ([eweissman@aamc.org](mailto:eweissman@aamc.org))
- Network and connect with CFAS peers

\*Sign up for an AAMC username and password at [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org) to gain access to member-only content.

\*\*If you do not receive this mailing, please email [eweissman@aamc.org](mailto:eweissman@aamc.org).



## About the AAMC

While CFAS may be your primary connection to the AAMC, the association plays a broad role in the advancement of academic medicine. Based in Washington, the AAMC is a not-for-profit association representing all 141 accredited U.S. and 17 accredited Canadian medical schools; nearly 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, including 51 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; and about 75 academic and scientific societies. Through these institutions and organizations, the AAMC represents 128,000 faculty members, 83,000 medical students, and 110,000 resident physicians.



## AAMC Services and Data

The AAMC provides an array of services and resources to member medical schools and teaching hospitals, applicants, students, residents, and medical educators, including:

- American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS®)
- Careers in medicine (CiM®)
- Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®)
- MedEdPORTAL®
- Global Health Learning Opportunities (GHLO®)
- The MCAT® exam

Visit [www.aamc.org/services](http://www.aamc.org/services) for a complete list.

Additionally, the AAMC provides an array of data unavailable elsewhere and often accessible only by our members for free or at a discounted rate, including:

- Report on Medical School Faculty Salaries
- Faculty Roster
- Tuition and Student Fees Reports
- AAMC Databook ("Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals by the Numbers")
- State Physician Workforce Data Book
- Public opinion research

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## AAMC Affinity Groups

AAMC affinity groups provide opportunities for professional development, networking, and collaboration. CFAS is one of three councils among the 23 affinity groups that have a direct link to AAMC's governance (the others include the Council of Deans and the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems). Several other affinity groups have close connections to CFAS, including the Organization of Resident Representatives, the Group on Diversity and Inclusion, the Group on Faculty Affairs, and the Group on Women in Medicine and Science.

Visit [www.aamc.org/membercenter](http://www.aamc.org/membercenter) for a complete list.



## Publications and News

The AAMC offers an array of publications and news vehicles online, through email, or in print, including:

- AAMCNews
- AAMC Annual Report (online publication)
- AAMC monographs and periodic publications (print and electronic)
- *Academic Medicine* (peer-reviewed journal)
- Analysis in Brief (website and electronic newsletter)
- Washington Highlights (weekly electronic newsletter on advocacy issues)
- AAMC STAT (weekly electronic news roundup)
- CFAS News (weekly electronic news roundup)

Visit [www.aamc.org/newsroom](http://www.aamc.org/newsroom) or [www.aamc.org/publications](http://www.aamc.org/publications) for a complete list.



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