



## **FELLOW-IN-TRAINING MEMBERS SECTION**

### **2021-2022 National Representatives**



"In addition to learning clinical and academic allergy/immunology in my local program, the College afforded me the opportunity to grow as a professional in our field on a national level through my role as the Fellow-in-Training Representative to the Board of Regents (FIT Rep) during my two years of training. Taking on the additional responsibilities of the FIT Rep directly impacted the depth of my understanding and appreciation of our chosen specialty while also allowing me to facilitate projects championed within or collaboratively engaged by the ACAAI FIT Section's Executive Committee with other leaders in the College. One project in particular, the FIT Board Review Corner, is a legacy of the ACAAI FIT Section so sustaining and advancing this valuable project was an honor. It just so happened to also be an outstanding way to force myself to study throughout the academic year in collaboration with our FIT question writers! These types of projects by FITs for FITs are awesome in their own right, but what sets the College apart from other professional organizations is how our

FIT perspective is openly invited and appreciated with a voting seat at the same table as our core leaders of the Board of Regents, our Executive Director, and our Advocacy Council. Additionally, as the FIT Representative I was also entrusted to represent our specialty within the Resident and Fellow Section of the American Medical Association and attend biannual meetings as a voting delegate during some pivotal moments in our country's history. Such opportunities have been invaluable and left indelible marks on my professional identity. Stepping into this role was seamless as the administrative leadership is experienced, professional, and always willing to provide procedural guidance and mentorship such that the additional work that is asked of me was always manageable. I encourage anyone looking for a way to advocate on behalf of your fellow colleagues while also advancing your own professional development to strongly consider this unique opportunity within the ACAAI FIT community!"

**-Christopher Foster, MD, Senior FIT Representative**



"I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to represent my peers as the Junior Fellow-in-Training (FIT) Representative to the College's Board of Regents. I attended my state's Allergy & Immunology conference at the beginning of fellowship and was thoroughly impressed with the work the College does for its members, especially with regards to advocacy and support for FITs and new Allergists in practice. During the meeting, I spoke with Fellows of the College and asked how I could also get involved - they informed me of the Junior FIT Representative opportunity and I knew I had to apply. It has been an exciting and rewarding experience to say the least. I have gained a tremendous respect for the things the College does "behind the scenes" for its members. The diligence, professionalism, and collegiality that define our organization were evident from my first Annual Meeting, and the mentorship and training I have received as the Junior FIT Representative will continue to be invaluable throughout my

career. If you are interested in a unique, meaningful opportunity to represent your fellow FITs while developing as a leader in a world class Allergy & Immunology organization, I highly recommend that you apply for the College's Junior FIT Representative position."

**-Brent Griffin, MD, MPH, Junior FIT Representative**



## **FELLOW-IN-TRAINING MEMBERS SECTION NATIONAL & REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS**

### **NATIONAL FIT REPRESENTATIVE**

The National FIT Representative serves a two-year term and has the important role of representing FITs at the ACAAI Board of Regents (BOR) meetings. This includes attending the BOR meeting during the ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting in November. There is also an interim Board meeting in late Spring (usually early June). From time to time, the Board may also convene special strategic planning meetings.

#### **Specific Duties and Expectations**

- Attend BOR meetings and participate in conference calls as available; represent FIT perspective.
- Assimilate board review questions and edit for content and format according to schedule.
- Serve as a Delegate to the AMA Resident and Fellow Section as available.
- Conduct Annual FIT Business Meeting.

### **REGIONAL FIT REPRESENTATIVE**

The FIT Regional Representatives are part of the FIT Committee and are responsible for connecting regional fellowship training programs with ACAAI and facilitating fellows' participation in regional allergy/immunology meetings.

#### **Specific Duties and Expectations**

- Interact with FIT members in their assigned region on issues pertaining to the ACAAI.
- Forward copies of the ACAAI FIT news to each FIT in their assigned region.
- Provide Senior National FIT rep with opinions and ideas on issues of concern to the FIT section.
- Generate board-type review questions on assigned chapters according to schedule.

In addition, FIT representatives have the option to serve on ACAAI committees that allows them to interact with experts in the field, gain insights into the work of the College, and expand their professional network.

### **NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

Election of new FIT representatives occurs at the November FIT Business Meeting held at the ACAAI Annual Scientific Meeting. If interested in running for one of these positions, you will need to submit the National/Regional FIT Representative Nomination Form prior to the meeting. Please contact your FIT representatives for more information.