



NATIONAL FELLOW-IN-TRAINING REPRESENTATIVE TESMINOMIALS



"As the Junior Fellow-in-Training (FIT) Representative to the ACAAI Board of Regents for the past year, I've cherished this privilege. During the early days of my fellowship, I attended the ACAAI Annual Meeting and was deeply impressed by the College's dedication to its members, particularly FITs and new allergists. Conversations with College Fellows at the conference led me to discover the Junior FIT Representative role.

This experience has been both thrilling and enriching, deepening my admiration for the College's behind-the-scenes work. From my very first Annual Meeting, I've witnessed the diligence, professionalism, and camaraderie defining our organization. The mentorship and training I've received in my role as the Junior FIT Representative will undoubtedly prove invaluable throughout my career.

If you're a FIT seeking a distinctive and meaningful opportunity to represent your peers and nurture your leadership skills within the world of allergy & immunology, I wholeheartedly encourage you to consider applying for the College's Junior FIT Representative position."

- Vinh Nguyen, MD, 2022-2024 National FIT Representative



"I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to represent my peers as the National Fellow-in-Training Representative to the College's Board of Regents ... I have gained tremendous respect for what 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, 2021-2023 National FIT Representative

"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 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 ... 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... 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, 2020-2022 National FIT Representative

"The College has a long history of supporting FITs and early career allergists; it's been a privilege representing fellows as the National FIT representative and working to continue this tradition. I am continually impressed by the College's responsiveness to FIT-directed initiatives and the empowerment of our FIT committee to shape these, whether it be supporting an editorial overhaul of the FIT Corner Board Review Questions, empowering allergists to explore ideas to expand the impact of our field through The Allergists' Foundation Community Grants, or developing a FIT-specific resource toolkit, just to name a few examples from the past year. My experience as a FIT representative has been invaluable, and I look forward to further engagement with the College in the future using the tools I've gained over the last two years."

- Timothy Chow, MD, 2019-2021 National FIT Representative

"Representing fellows over the past two years as the FIT Representative to the Board of Regents has been an incredibly valuable experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed leading the FIT regional representatives who have been a very enthusiastic and involved group. This position has offered me the opportunity to meet and collaborate with allergists/immunologists across the country and make personal connections. I have gained an understanding of how our national allergy and immunology organizations function by attending the College's Board of Regents meetings. The College truly cares about supporting fellows' development and interests and it has been a privilege to serve as a liaison between the Board and FITs."

- Christin Deal, MD, 2018-2020 National FIT Representative

"As a FIT representative to the ACAAI Board of Regents during the last two years, I have had the incredible opportunity to meet with and work with allergists and immunologists at various points in their careers across the country. It has been a tremendously rewarding experience working with the College, serving as a FIT representative on the Board and participating in a number of committees dedicated to different initiatives. The College and its leadership is committed to fellow involvement and education, with great hopes for encouraging the future leaders of our field. It has been an immense privilege to be inspired by and to collaborate with allergists and immunologists who are so passionate about their specialty and work."

- Tammy Peng, MD, 2015-2017 National FIT Representative