

## 2026 ACR-AAR Research Scholar Program

### AAR Annual Meeting

March 17 - 20, 2026

Hilton Atlanta

Atlanta, Georgia

#### Friday, March 20

8:00-9:30am

#### ACR-AAR Research Scholar Program Session 1: Scholar Presentations and Mentoring

Moderator Navid Faraji, MD

#### 8:00 – 8:25 AM Keynote 1 - Cultivating Ideas in Academic Radiology – Critical Tools

Speaker Pari Pandharipande, MD, MPH

#### 8:25 – 9:15 AM Scholar Presentations

Scholar 1  
8:25 – 8:35 AM *TBD*

Scholar 2  
8:35 – 8:45 AM *TBD*

Scholar 3  
8:45 – 8:55 AM *TBD*

Scholar 4  
8:55 – 9:05 AM *TBD*

Scholar 5  
9:05 – 9:15 AM *TBD*

#### 9:15 – 9:30 AM Keynote 2 - Converting Your Abstracts to Papers

Speaker Derek Nguyen, MD

9:30-10:00am

#### Break

10:00-11:30am

#### ACR-AAR Research Scholar Program Session 2: Scholar Presentations and Mentoring

Moderator Summer Decker, MD

#### 10:00 – 10:25 AM Keynote 3 - Imaging the Future: Radiology at the Crossroads of Policy and Practice

Speaker Tarek Hanna, MD

#### 10:25 – 11:15 AM Scholar Presentations

Scholar 6  
10:25 – 10:35 AM *TBD*

Scholar 7  
10:35 – 10:45 AM

*TBD*

Scholar 8  
10:45 – 10:55 AM

*TBD*

Scholar 9  
10:55 – 11:05 AM

*TBD*

Scholar 10  
11:05 – 11:15 AM

*TBD*

**11:15 – 11:30 AM    Keynote 4 - Residency Research Made Doable: Selecting Projects that Deliver High Returns**

Speaker                      Patricia Balthazar, MD, MPJ, CIIP

11:45am-12:45pm

**ACR-AAR Research Scholar Program: Lunch and Keynote**

Moderator                      Andrew B. Rosenkrantz, MD, FAAR

**Advocacy and Economics in Radiology: Past, Present, and Future**

Speaker                      Dana Smetherman, MD, MPH, MBA

12:45-1:00pm

**Break**

1:00-2:00pm

**ACR-AAR Research Scholar Program Session 3: TBD**