



The Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand call for Expressions of Interest for:

We are calling for interested TSANZ Members to apply to become an ATS MECOR Faculty Member and be part of the MECOR Program.

The American Thoracic Society's Methods in Epidemiologic, Clinical, and Operations Research (MECOR) program is an intensive course for physicians and other healthcare professionals interested in increasing their research and leadership skills in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine.

This year the MECOR Southeast Asia is scheduled to take place on September 25-30 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The ATS would like to see TSANZ involvement and as such have asked for a TSANZ member, who is also an ATS member, to take part in this year's MECOR as a faculty member. Expenses related to the faculty's attendance at the course will be covered by ATS.

Faculty Responsibilities

- Commit to 4-6 hours before the in-person course for alignment meetings and student preparation.
- Attend the 7-day in-person course
- Commit to 10-12 hours after the in-person course for mentorship during the year

Benefits

- Faculty members will have an opportunity to share their expertise and mentor the next generation of healthcare professionals in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine research
- ATS provides an opportunity for networking and collaboration with other MECOR faculty members, students, and alumni
- Faculty members may designate their preference for the region(s) they feel more comfortable or are more familiar with the local culture

Eligibility Requirements

To become an ATS MECOR faculty member, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Active ATS member (exceptions for specific faculty skills e.g. statisticians who are not ATS members and for faculty in programs such as Latin America, Turkey, and Southeast Asia that are funded and organized by other professional societies)

- Formal training or demonstrated on-the-job experience in epidemiology, health services research, or clinical trials (certificate, master's degree, PhD, or clear evidence of experience)
- Willingness to commit to at least 3 years (for Project Mentors)
- Research experience, demonstrated teaching, and clinical experience (where appropriate) required
- Preference given to specific experience in teaching that involves research methodology
- Research or clinical experience in one or more MECOR countries preferred but not required
- Experience in research/academic mentoring preferred

MECOR Program

The program offers a comprehensive training that encompasses 3 levels.

Level 1: Measuring the Burden of Disease

Level 2: Advanced Clinical Research Methods

Level 3: Further Research Skills, Grant and Paper Writing

For more information about becoming an ATS MECOR Faculty Member, the course and program, visit [ATS MECOR Southeast Asia](#).

How to express your interest:

If you would like to be a part of this year's MECOR please write a brief description of your reason/s for wishing to join the faculty (150 words) and attach your current Curriculum Vitae (CV) (5 pages limit)

Applications close Friday 2nd June at 12 noon AEDT.

Next Steps:

- All EOIs received will be reviewed by ETS and the final working party will be approved by the CCRS.
- All applicants will be notified of the outcome.

If you wish to discuss this opportunity in more detail, please contact Mrs Hannah Keep, TSANZ Professional Development and Clinical Quality Manager, at hannah.keep@thoracic.org.au

Kind Regards,

TSANZ Education