

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Introduction – Assembly/Committee Project Proposals

Thank you for your interest in Assembly/Committee projects initiated by the American Thoracic Society (ATS). Projects may be submitted through either an ATS Assembly or Committee.

The 14 ATS Assemblies are subgroups of the Society formed to address a spectrum of scientific and clinical issues within the broad field of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. The purpose of an Assembly is to:

- To enhance communication and collaborative efforts for the Society's members who share common interests.
- Enhance the collection, interpretation and dissemination of scientific and clinical information pertaining to focused areas in pulmonary disease.

Any ATS member may submit an Assembly/Committee Project. Applications will be reviewed by the appropriate Assembly Planning Committee whose written comments will be provided to the ATS Program Review Sub-Committee (PRS).

In addition to the ATS Assemblies, ATS has a number of Committees that focus on a specific area within pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine, including ATS membership, training, standards, etc. Committees may submit a project through this mechanism if they would like to initiate a project that falls within the Committee's purview, but outside of the Committee's regular ATS budget. The Chair of the Committee must submit committee projects; please work with the appropriate ATS Staff member on each of the Committee proposals.

DOCUMENTS

Most official documents of the Society are initiated within the Assemblies or ATS Committees. Documents proposed by Assemblies or Committees will begin with completion of a Assembly/Committee Project Application that will be reviewed for scientific, clinical, and educational merit by the Assembly Planning Committees (if applicable), the Education Committee (if applicable), the Documents Committee (if applicable) or other segments of the Society as deemed necessary.

OTHER

Other projects are defined as non-document related projects. Project categories include: Webcasts, Web based toolkits, Conferences and any other projects where the end result is not an ATS official Document.

Funds allocated for Assembly and Committee projects are NOT grants provided to individual investigators; they are funds within the ATS budget used to carry out the work of an ATS supported project.

Research projects will not be considered through this mechanism. Please visit the [Research Program grant opportunities](#) page or contact the ATS Foundation Research Program at researchprogram@thoracic.org for information on Research grants.