



## ***ASSEMBLY/ COMMITTEE PROJECT INTRODUCTION***

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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 Project Review Committee (PRC).

In addition to the ATS Assemblies, ATS has a number of Committees that focus on a specific areas within pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. Committees within the ATS are in place to perform and oversee specific aspects of ATS activities. 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 should submit committee projects.

### ***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), or other segments of the Society as deemed necessary.

### ***OTHER***

Other projects are defined as non-document related projects. Project categories include: 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. Budgets are determined by project staff once project has been approved.

**Research projects will not be considered through this mechanism.** Please visit the [Research Program grant opportunities](#) page.