

Honorary Fellow Award

The Honorary Fellow Award bestows an honorary membership to individuals who have contributed significantly to the field of ultrasound.

Tammy Stearns, MS, RT(R), RDMS, RVT, FSDMS



Since first seeing ultrasound in use, Tammy Stearns, MS, RT(R), RDMS, RVT, has known that sonography was the field for her. Ms Stearns has been working as a sonographer since 1996 when she worked for CoxHealth in Springfield, Missouri, until 2010, when she became an assistant professor, sonographer, and CME lecturer at Cox College. A year later, she moved on to the Pregnancy Care Center, also in Springfield, until 2012.

In 2012, Ms Stearns moved to Nicaragua to help some of the large portion of residents who live below the poverty line. Since the move, she has acted as an adjunct professor in diagnostic medical sonography for Adventist University in Orlando, Florida, while also serving as a sonographer and director of the Women's Ministry for Project HOPE. In 2017, she also started working as a sonographer for Heartbeat International as a Sonographer Consultant. She is currently serving as President of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Ms Stearns began her ultrasound education in 1994 at the CoxHealth School of Radiologic Technology, where she received a certificate in 1996. She then continued on to receive a certificate from the CoxHealth School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography in 1998, followed by her summa cum laude Bachelor of Science in radiography, which she received from Southwest Missouri State University in 2002. Then, in 2010, Ms Stearns earned her Master of Science from Missouri State University.

Because of her devotion to bringing sonography to an underserved region, the AIUM is offering Ms Stearns the Honorary Fellow Award, which includes a complimentary lifetime membership in the AIUM.