General Surgery Resident Research Initiation Grant

**Length of Award:** 1-2 years  
**Amount:** $20,000/year  
**Deadline:** March 1

**Purpose:** To attract General Surgery Residents or recent Graduates of such programs into the field of Colon and Rectal Surgery by providing opportunities to engage in clinical or laboratory-based research focused on diseases of the colon, rectum and anus.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- General Surgical Residents or recent (within 2 years) Graduates of a US or Canadian approved General Surgery Training Program.

**Review Criteria:**

- 5 page research proposal (see instructions below)
- Statement of career goals and objectives
- Letter from Research Mentor approving research proposal, assuring space, supplies and infrastructure as well as outlining Mentor’s role and expectations.
- Letter of support and approval from Chairman of Department of Surgery.
- Letter of support from Fellow of the ASCRS, required only if the Research Mentor is not a Fellow of the ASCRS.
- Biographical sketches from applicant, Mentor and all co-investigators/collaborators.
Award Provisions:

- Maximum 5 per year.
- Competitive one year award with opportunity to apply for second year via a competitive renewal application. The second year of funding requires a complete application the following year with full review by the Research Foundation.
- The award is to support research activities, including salary and living expenses.
- Funding limited to “Direct Cost Only” budgets. Additional indirect costs will not be approved.
- It is anticipated that applicant will seek matching/complementary funding from her/his Department of origin and/or Mentor.
- Institutional supplementation of salary must not require extra duties or responsibilities that would interfere with the purpose of the grant.
- Applicant must have designated time for research and no clinical responsibility.
- Preference given to applicants with research or clinical career goals in the field of Colon & Rectal Surgery and whose research Mentor or Co-Investigator is a Fellow of ASCRS.

Application Guidelines:

- Face page
  - Use the face page on the ASCRS website under General Surgery Resident Research Initiation Grant.
  - Fill in all boxes except Entity identification number, 12,13.
- Senior/key personnel
  - Use form provided on the ASCRS website. Fill in Senior /Key Personnel and Other significant contributors only. A biosketch is required of all Senior/Key Personnel (see below) but not of other significant contributors.
- Career Goals and Objectives (use continuation page)
  - Briefly describe your career goals and how you think this research funding would help you to attain them.
  - Limit 250 words.
- Body of the grant (5 page limit)
  - Use the NIH continuation page on the ASCRS website under General Surgery Resident Initiation Grant. Fill in your name on all pages.
  - Format
    - Use Arial or Times New Roman font
    - Minimum font 11pt
    - Margins: top 1”, sides 0.5”, bottom, 0.75”
    - Single spaced
  - The body of the grant should include the following
    - Specific aims and hypothesis
    - Background and Significance
      - Any preliminary data should be included within the background.
• Study design
  • Include overall study design and methods that will be used. Provide enough detail to demonstrate to the reviewer an understanding of the methods
• Anticipated outcome
  • Explain what you expect to find with your research
• Literature Cited
  • Biographical sketches from applicant, Mentor, and all co-investigators
    o Use the NIH biosketch form and follow the instructions/format provided on the ASCRS website

**Mail 1 completed proposal**
**Email 1 PDF file to:**

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If you have any questions, please call the Research Foundation office at (847) 956-1846.

Sincerely,

John Monson, MD, Chair
Research Committee