✔ APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

All grant applications must include this completed and signed Application Checklist as the **first page of the research proposal PDF that is uploaded to the grant system**. Submissions received without a signed and completed Application Checklist will be considered incomplete and will be disqualified. **Check each box below AFTER verifying that the corresponding document is complete. Please sign this document before submitting.**

⊘ **Eligibility – double check full criteria, listed in eligibility section, prior to applying**

☐ You are an internal medicine or pediatrics resident in the first or second year of training in the United States or Canada.

☐ Your mentor is an ACG member. Confirm they are an ACG member in good standing prior to applying and they must have an ACG member number. Please note that this is different than applying for membership—all new member applications must be submitted by September 17, 2021.

☐ Your mentor's ACG Member ID is _____.

☐ You have the availability to complete a one-year original clinical research project at the resident level in Gastroenterology or Hepatology.

☐ Your submission does NOT involve animal research.

☐ The science for this award is NOT submitted for another ACG award category.

☐ There will NOT be award overlap: ACG does not provide duplicate funding.

⊘ **Completion**

☐ You have created an account in the ACG grant system (**gi.org/research-awards**)

☐ You have a complete combined PDF, containing all necessary elements in the correct order, with this signed Application Checklist as the first page of the PDF to be uploaded to the grant system.

☐ You have completed all necessary and relevant tasks required as part of the online grant system for this award application including investigator information (ACG member number, title, email, role for project, institution, and address of institution); a 350-word abstract of the proposed research; listing research topics; a list of any potential conflicts of interest for investigators; indication of IRB approval status; re-submission status.

⊘ **Format of Submitted PDF**

☐ All pages must use 11-point font with minimum ½" margins.

☐ The upper right header of each page must include your name and the award type, in the following format:
Last name, First Name
Award Type

☐ The upper left header of each page must include the page number

☐ The sections of the PDF are numbered to match the Required Order of Submission as indicated on the checklist, with bold headers for each required section, and the section starts on its own page.

⊘ **Required Order of Submission**

☐ **1. Application Checklist**—This checklist is complete, signed by the Resident and included as the first page of the submitted PDF.

☐ **2. Resubmission Response Letter**—If you are resubmitting this grant proposal, a 2-page (maximum) letter is included that responds to the reviewer's critiques and outlines how you have updated the application. Do not include this item if not applicable.

☐ **3. Research Proposal**—Your research proposal project description should be a maximum of 5 pages (excluding references). It should include the following sections at a minimum: Specific Aims, Background/Significance, Pilot Data/Previous Work, and Research Plan.

☐ **4. References**—Include a list of all necessary and relevant references as well as citations in the project description.

☐ **5. Budget and Justification**—A budget table with clear justification of all costs and budget items is included. The budget justification should be listed after the budget table, with an explanation for each budget item, including facility fees if funds are requested for this purpose. By submitting the budget, you verify there will be adequate resources to complete the project.

☐ **6. IRB Status**—An IRB approval letter or indication that IRB approval is pending is included. If selected to receive the award, funds will not be released until ACG receives a copy of IRB approval.

☐ **7. Conflict of Interest Statement**—Include a COI statement or indicate that none exist.

☐ **8. Biosketches**—A biosketch for each investigator (Resident, Mentor, any other investigators involved) is included, all in the NIH format, maximum of 5 pages each. (**grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm**).

☐ **9. Other Research Support**—List the title, funding agency, total direct costs, dates, including expected dates of notification of pending applications for all current and pending funding for Resident's Mentor, and other investigators involved. (Use NIH format: **grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/othersupport.htm**)

☐ **10. Mentor Letter**—A single page letter from the mentor should include an assessment of academic potential and confirmation of the mentor's responsibility for the successful complete of the project. Describes the mentor's past experience providing mentorship/relevant to this award.

☐ **11. Residency Program Director Letter**—A single page letter from the primary residency program director should confirm that the resident will have adequate time and support to complete the project.

☐ **12. Other Letters of Support** (Optional)—Included any letters of support that demonstrate involvement and support from additional investigators (for example: other research sites providing patients; specialists who will provide specialized training).

☐ **13. Appendices** (if needed)—Attach data collection forms. Do not use this section to expand the research proposal.

I certify that I have reviewed the Application Checklist and that all portions of my application are accurate and in the required order and format.

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Signature of Principal Investigator   Date

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Name (Printed)