



ACG Trainee

Membership Benefits



Trainee Members of the
ACG benefit from the
following programs
geared toward
their enrichment
throughout
the year.

Education

2nd Year Fellows Course

Interact with leaders from across the GI spectrum while you network with your peers from programs from across the U.S. and Canada. The ACG 2nd Year Fellows Course features general sessions and breakout sessions in small groups that allow in-depth, two-way discussion between the fellows and faculty. Sessions are designed in a meet-the-professor format and are case-centered, practical discussions by the experts (i.e. how would you approach this patient, what tests would you order, recommended to the form of therapy). In addition, hands-on endoscopy sessions provide an opportunity for fellows to get hands-on instruction from a leading expert and exposure to new tools. This annual event is traditionally held in January. All expenses (hotel, airfare, transportation and meals) are paid by the College. 2nd Year Fellows are nominated by their Program Director to attend. Nominations are solicited by ACG in July.

North American Conference of GI Fellows

Gain valuable experience presenting your research when you attend the North American Conference of GI Fellows (NACGF). An annual program for fellows, NACGF includes research presentations by the fellows, along with lectures, breakout sessions and coaching by a distinguished faculty of gastroenterologists. A fellow may submit up to three abstracts for consideration. The research should be based on clinical or basic science gastroenterology projects with which the fellow has been involved, including work in progress, work published within the past year or case reports with comprehensive literature reviews. All expenses (hotel, airfare, transportation and meals) are paid by the College. In addition, the top three fellows with the highest graded score from the presentations will each receive a \$1,000 travel grant to attend the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting in the same calendar year.

Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course

Trainee members of the College receive complimentary registration to the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course. Learn from nationally-known experts in the field. In addition to the trainee-only events, the College also offers trainees'-only hands-on sessions.

ACG - FDA Visiting Fellowship Program

Since 2012, ACG has sponsored a GI fellow to spend a one-month rotation at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The fellow chosen for this rotation is integrated into the daily activities of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Division of Gastroenterology and Inborn Error Products (DGIEP). In addition, the fellow gains valuable experience in drug/medical device registration and approval process and in observing the interaction between the FDA, academia, and industry. Fellows can apply in their 1st or 2nd year of training. The application period opens in July/August. The selected applicant will receive a monthly stipend of \$3,000, which includes airfare, living expenses and meals. Fellows are responsible for their lodging and meals but ACG staff will provide assistance. An additional \$1,000 will be provided for travel and related expenses to the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting for their presentation.

GI Jeopardy

Help your program earn bragging rights as the winner of GI Jeopardy. This popular competition consists of two stages. The first stage is a preliminary round where all GI programs are invited to compete online; program fellows comprise each online team. The second stage is the final round consisting of a two-person team from each of the top five scoring programs (from the online competition) where they compete in front of a live audience immediately following the ACG Annual Postgraduate Course on Saturday. Participants' knowledge will be challenged with a set of questions on a variety of GI diseases and organs. Airfare, ground transportation and two nights hotel expenses are paid for by ACG for each team member competing in the final round. The winning team members will be awarded \$1,000 travel grants for the next ACG Annual Scientific Meeting.



Career Preparation

Mentoring Program

Gain access to faculty from diverse practice models, academic departments, and geographic regions when you participate in ACG's Mentoring program. The goal is to foster casual dialogue between mentors and trainees, while affording trainees the opportunity to gain valuable guidance and career advice from faculty not readily accessible to them in their training programs. Trainees can review the mentors' profiles and apply to participate in the Trainees' section of the ACG website.

Navigating, Networking and Negotiating Your First Job Workshop

Fellows interested in gaining valuable insight on what he or she faces at the start of their career will find this workshop a must-attend event. Hear the issues and concerns others face while you explore practical skill areas not otherwise covered in a traditional GI fellowship program. Discussions will focus on details of private practice versus academics, contract analysis, networking skills, negotiating skills and work-life balance. Held annually on Friday before the start of the ACG Annual Postgraduate Course. Trainees can register online when filling out the registration form for the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course.

Trainees' Luncheon

Attending the Annual Postgraduate Course? Sign up to attend the Trainees' Luncheon, a trainees-only event. Past topics have included, "Finding a GI Practice That is Right for You," "What I learned My First Year in Practice," "The Art of Presentation," "How to Be Successful in Practice," and "A 4th Year of Fellowship Training: What You Need to Know." Trainees can register online when filling out the registration form for the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course..

Career Opportunities for Women in GI Luncheon

Hear advice from a panel of women GI leaders at this popular luncheon held each year during the ACG Annual Postgraduate Course. Hosted by the Women in Gastroenterology Committee, the discussion is geared towards residents and trainees who are poised to make key decisions regarding the future of their medical careers, addresses the importance of balancing career and family, and reviews general opportunities for women in medicine, and more specifically, gastroenterology. Trainees can register online after completing the registration form for the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course.



Resources



ACG Case Reports Journal

The *ACG Case Reports Journal* is a peer-reviewed journal that gives GI trainees, practicing clinicians, and others a chance to share interesting case reports. As a trainee, you can now meet your curriculum publication requirements, expand your CV, and have your work read by leaders in the field! The journal is

edited exclusively by GI trainees, and is published online and free to all readers. Each issue features images, video clips, and multimedia content in addition to case descriptions. GI fellows entering their second, third, or fourth year of fellowship are eligible to apply in the spring. The Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editor positions are one-year terms beginning July 1 each year. As an *ACG Case Reports Journal* Editor, you will gain valuable editorial experience, help your peers share their work, and establish your reputation as a leader.

ACG Education Universe, GI Training Pathway

The GI Training Pathway, designed to serve as an educational tool for GI fellowship training, contains educational material covering the Gastroenterology Core Curriculum. The site is set up in such a way that allows program directors to assign homework to their fellows consisting of a core lecture series on a variety of GI topics, presentations from ACG's annual and regional courses, journal articles, self-assessment test questions and abstracts. The progress of individual trainees and their proficiency in performance of core competencies can be tracked, as well as overall compliance and achievement for each learning assignment.

Board Review Question of the Week

ACG experts provide a question each week designed to test the residents and fellows' knowledge and to help prepare for the Boards. Questions are answered online and residents and fellows find out the following week if they answered correctly. In addition to quarterly prizes, the resident or trainee member who answers the most questions correctly overall, will win a \$1,000 travel grant to the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting.

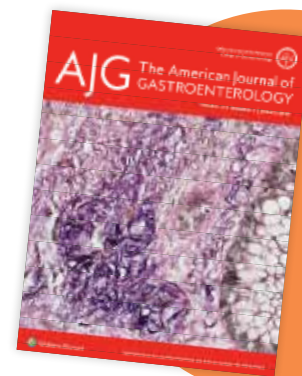
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Research Support

International Training Grants

Advance your skills and learn from the experts when you apply for one of ACG's international training grants. The College offers two grants: one for those outside of U.S. and Canada and the other for those in the U.S. and Canada. Applications may be found on the ACG website and are accepted in February and March.

For those outside of the U.S. and Canada

The International GI Training Grant provides partial financial support to physicians outside of the U.S. and Canada to receive clinical or clinical research training or education in Gastroenterology and Hepatology in selected medical training centers in North America. The funding is provided so that an individual can acquire or develop new cognitive knowledge or a technical skill. This newly acquired knowledge or skill would then be used to improve patient care in the applicant's geographic area. The amount of the grant will not exceed \$10,000, and is to be used for travel to and from the training center and to the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting as well as for incidental expenses related to the training. Applicants are responsible for selecting a host training center who will voluntarily agree to participate in the program.

Past grant winners who have received advanced training travelled from Ghana, India, Spain, Mexico, China and Australia, to name a few.

For U.S. and Canadian GI fellows or GI physicians who have completed their training in the last 5 years

The North American International GI Training Grant provides partial financial support to receive clinical or clinical research training or education in Gastroenterology and Hepatology outside of North America. The funding is provided so that an individual can acquire or develop new cognitive knowledge or a technical skill. This newly acquired knowledge or skill would then be used to improve patient care in the applicant's geographic area. The amount of the grant will not exceed \$10,000.

Past grant winners from the U.S. and Canada have received advanced training in such countries as Japan, Australia, Germany, Sweden, and Zambia, to name a few.

Annual Meeting Abstract Awards

The ACG offers more than 40 awards in a variety of areas for outstanding abstract submissions. Among these awards, 18 are available only to GI fellows. Each award carries with it a grant of \$1,000 for travel expenses to the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting to present their poster or paper. Abstract submissions for the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting open in the spring. Award winners are notified each year in July.

Clinical Research Awards

ACG has invested more than \$21 million in clinical research to improve patient care and strengthen GI practitioners' capabilities. Fellows are encouraged to apply for the ACG Clinical Research Awards for grants up to \$50,000 and pilot projects of up to \$15,000. Grant applications must be submitted online and are typically due by early December. Full details may be found on the ACG website.



Training Committee

Coordinating activities, programs and outreach relating to training programs and Trainee members, the Training Committee is just one of the 24 Committees of the College. Fellows-in-training are encouraged to join this and other ACG Committees. To apply, visit the Committees section of the ACG website.

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