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Application Deadline: Wednesday, August 19, 2026

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The ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship Program honors former ACG Institute Director Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG, and provides an exciting opportunity for a national expert to visit your institution, spend time with your fellows, educate colleagues, and visit with young faculty as mentors. You choose the speakers. The ACG Institute covers the costs associated with the ACG Visiting Professorship. The ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship Program has conducted more than 144 visits since its inception in 2014. These visits have taken place in 34 U.S. states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and two Canadian provinces.

BACKGROUND

The ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship Program facilitates visits to a range of North American institutions. Topics are chosen by GI training programs in collaboration with visiting professors for a dynamic learning experience. Presentations have addressed diet and irritable bowel syndrome, endoscopy, esophageal disorders and motility, hepatology, inflammatory bowel disease, colorectal cancer screening, health information technology, obesity, pancreatic disease, and small bowel bleeding (for full list of past topics visit: gi.org/eavp).

GOALS

The College aims to bring nationally recognized speakers as faculty for medical grand rounds presentations to enhance the educational experience for GI fellows-in-training and to provide objective, timely, and clinically relevant presentations to GI practitioners in the community.

The goal of the ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship Program is to enable GI fellowship programs to have high-quality visiting professors to bolster the training program by providing lectures, small group discussions, panel discussions, and one-on-one visits with trainees and faculty. In addition, the program will show ACG support for a local gut club and address the needs of local ACG Membership by creating an opportunity for a talk the evening before or after the visit at the academic center, if appropriate (the cost of the event would not be covered by this program).



ACG VISITING PROFESSOR WITH A COMPONENT OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY, & ETHICAL CARE

The Visiting Professor with a Component of Equity, Diversity, and Ethical Care provides lectures to create awareness around the issues and challenges related to delivering equitable care, respecting diversity, and instilling ethical decision making.

A section of the EAVP application allows institutions to include a focus on equity, diversity, and or ethical care. These topics can be offered as stand alone lectures or in conjunction with a disease state topic driven visit (i.e. Endoscopic Considerations in Underserved Populations). The Visiting Professor, Faculty, and Health Equity leadership from the institution participate in an engaging and enriching discussion about diversity, equity, and inclusion topics to help improve patient care and reduce health disparities. This special opportunity gives institutions the benefit of sharing cases, experiences, and data with the Visiting Professor so that they can they can better serve their local community, with these topics in mind.





MODEL SCHEDULE

(sample schedule, depends on local needs and availability)

DAY 1:	5 pm	Arrive in the city
	7 pm	Host a dinner meeting at local restaurant or other venue for members of the local GI community
DAY 2:	8 am	Research symposium or presentation at the hospital
	9 am	Visits with faculty and trainees
	11 am	Case presentations
	12 pm	Clinical lecture
	1 pm	Lunch
	2 pm	One-on-one or small group career mentoring and case questions from fellows
	3:30 pm	Journal/Panel discussion
	4:30 pm	Departure for the airport

Topics would depend on the visiting professor's interests and the local institution's needs. Content would be educational and suitable for CME, should the institution choose to pursue it.

HOW IT WORKS

The program is supported and administered by the College through the ACG Institute. ACG invites applications from interested North American GI training programs. Qualifying institutions will commit to promote the talk, recruit participants, and create opportunities for faculty and trainees to interact with the speaker during the visit. The academic center will also be asked to facilitate contact between the College and a local gut club or community GI practitioners to coordinate a presentation. All travel expenses and the speaker honorarium would be covered by the ACG. Please note, support for the local gut club event is not included.

TO APPLY

Institutions are invited to complete the online application form and to upload a one-page letter of interest addressed to the ACG Institute Director. The letter should include a statement of need outlining the training program's objectives and how this talk will advance GI training at the institution. The letter should also specify whether there will be a dinner hosted by the institution (or a local gut club) where the visiting professor can give a presentation. To apply: gi.org/eavp. For any questions, email: acginstitute@gi.org



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