

2012 Hernia Resident/Fellow Research Grant

American Hernia Society Foundation together with Synovis Surgical Innovations



One \$25,000 grant will be awarded to a qualified and approved grant applicant for research related to ventral, parastomal or hiatal hernias in the following topic areas:

- Innovative techniques for hernia repair
- Factors affecting the incidence and recurrence of hernias
- Complications related to hernia repair
- Hernia repair in a contaminated environment
- Health economics

APPLICATION DUE DATE: February 15, 2012

TITLE OF GRANT: 2012 Hernia Resident/Fellow Research Grant

SPONSORS: American Hernia Society Foundation together with Synovis Surgical Innovations.

GRANT AVAILABILITY: Grants are made possible through the generous support of Synovis Surgical innovations. Grants are limited to up to \$25,000 for a period of one year, and are made to the principal investigator. Studies may be either clinical (human) or pre-clinical (animal/bench).

GRANT GUIDELINES: Grants are awarded to the institution and not to the individual. It is assumed that some of the resources required to conduct the project are available through the investigator's institution. The research grant serves to provide supplemental support for personnel, equipment or services required to complete the research. It cannot be used toward salary support for the AHS member faculty. The award shall be used for direct costs only; indirect costs are not covered. Scanned copies of all necessary institutional approvals (IRB, RDC and/or IACUC) are required before any funds are released. This approval is not required at time of grant application.

Grants are based on the scientific merit of the project as well as the investigator's capability and the likelihood that the project will be completed successfully. Considerations include the investigator's experience, background, availability of patient material and other resources.

An abstract that summarizes the project and a financial report detailing how the grant money was spent must be submitted to the American Hernia Society (AHS) office by the end of one year's time. In addition, it is expected that the results of the research be presented at the AHS Annual Conference in 2013. Any publication arising from research supported by this grant must have a notation describing funding source, recognizing both the American Hernia Society and Synovis Surgical Innovations.

APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS: The AHS Foundation and Synovis Surgical Innovations 2012 Hernia Resident/Fellow Research Grant is open to residents and fellows who have sponsorship from a practicing active member of the AHS. The grant is conferred on a competitive basis by submission of a grant application that is reviewed and evaluated by the AHS Program Committee.

The application must include all of the following:

- TITLE OF PROJECT
- ABSTRACT: Maximum 250 words, structured
- PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR:
 - Must be a resident or fellow in good standing at an accredited institution
 - Include name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information, including email
 - Include name of Sponsoring Mentor, who must be an active AHS member.
- RESEARCH PLAN: Maximum 5 pages, single-spaced. Minimum of 1-inch margins, 11pt font.
 - Include: Specific aims, Background and significance, Preliminary data or studies, Study Design and Methods, Data Analysis, Limitations and Alternatives, and References.
- STRATEGY OR POTENTIAL TO EXPAND THE PROJECT IN THE FUTURE: Maximum 250 words.
- DETAILED BUDGET: See attached form
- CV OF PI , SUB-INVESTIGATORS, and SPONSORING MENTOR
- IRB APPROVAL LETTER: if IRB/RDC/IACUC approval has already been obtained.

TIMELINE:

Application Deadline: February 15, 2012

Review Completion by AHS Program Committee Members: March 15, 2012

Notification of Fellowship Award decisions: April 1, 2012

Project Start Date: April 2012

Award Announcement at AHS/EHS Joint Meeting: March 28-31, 2012

Presentation of research findings: AHS Annual Meeting, 2013

CONTACT INFORMATION: All applications must be submitted by email only via either word or pdf file to Carol Goddard (carol@goddardassociates.com). For inquiries, please contact Carol Goddard, (303) 567-7899.

GRANT PROMOTION: AHS and Synovis Surgical Innovations will promote the Hernia Resident/Fellow Research Grant through their respective websites. Synovis Surgical Innovations will also provide promotional support through its sales force.



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First Name _____

Last Name _____

Medical Degree(MD, etc) _____ Other Degrees(PhD, etc.) _____

Affiliation _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Email Address _____

Presentation Title _____

DETAILED BUDGET FORM:

Expense		Dollar Amount
PERSONNEL (INCLUDE FRINGE)	%	
	Effort	
Principle Investigator:		
Sub-Investigator(s):		
Other Program Personnel, include Role:		
EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES:		
TRAVEL TO AHS ANNUAL MEETING 2013		\$ 1,500
TOTAL (not to exceed \$25,000)		