ASGE to offer research grants

ASGE members have the opportunity to apply for four endoscopic research grants this fall.

Career Development Awards - $150,000 per award
The Career Development Awards are made possible through the generous support of Olympus America and Wilson-Cook Medical GI Endoscopy. Up to two Career Development Awards will be funded, which provide the salary and/or research support necessary for the investigator to enhance his/her career development in endoscopic research. $75,000 per year for two years. Only electronic applications will be accepted. Deadline: Friday, November 18, 2005 at 5:00 pm CST.

Endoscopic Research & Outcomes & Effectiveness Awards - up to $50,000 per award
Category A: $1-15,000 for up to two years; Category B: $15,001-50,000 for up to two years

This award is offered to physicians for projects in endoscopic research and outcomes and effectiveness to foster research in these areas. Recipients of the ASGE Career Development Award may not be granted an ASGE Research & Outcomes & Effectiveness Award during their two-year award period. Only electronic applications will be accepted. Deadline: Friday, September 16, 2005 at 5:00 pm CST.

- Michael V Sivak, Jr., MD, Endoscopic Research Award
  This award is granted to the Research & Outcomes & Effectiveness Award achieving the highest score from reviewers. The Sivak Endoscopic Research Award Endowment Fund was established in 2004 to honor Dr. Sivak for his valuable contributions as editor of GIE: Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

The Don Wilson Award - $7,500 per award
ASGE gratefully acknowledges the generosity of Wilson-Cook Medical GI Endoscopy in creating the Don Wilson Award in memory of the late Don Wilson, a strong advocate and supporter of international education and training in gastrointestinal endoscopy. This award provides junior faculty or advanced fellows (3rd or 4th year or international equivalent) with support for international travel to enhance endoscopic skills. A total of three awards will be available annually for ASGE members. Deadline: Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 5:00 pm CST

ASGE/ConMed Award (formerly known as the ASGE/BARD Award) - $10,000
This cash award honors the outstanding manuscript submitted to GIE: Gastrointestinal Endoscopy by a Fellow or Resident in training in a gastroenterology or surgical gastrointestinal endoscopic program whose manuscript is accepted in 2005 for publication in the journal. This award is made possible through the generous support of ConMed Endoscopic Technologies.

Details on the awards listed above, including eligibility, requirements, and selection criteria, as well as online applications, can be found at www.asge.org/grants. E-mail grants@asge.org with questions.

Controversies in endoscopy addressed in Hawaii

ASGE has developed an exciting course that will be held in conjunction with the ACG 2005 Annual Scientific Meeting on Friday, October 28, 2005. The course, “Expert Endoscopic Practice: Techniques and Controversies, A Case-based Approach to Common Endoscopic Practice Issues,” will emphasize common areas of endoscopic practice highlighted through endoscopic video and case studies. Experts will demonstrate new and emerging endoscopic therapies and discuss real-life experiences in clinical practice. Endoscopic management of gastroesophageal reflux disease, Barrett’s esophagus, non-variceal gastrointestinal bleeding, and placement of endoprosthetics for malignancy will be emphasized. Visit www.asge.org/education to register.

Award winners honored at DDW

ASGE and the ASGE Foundation hosted the 2005 ASGE Crystal Awards Dinner in conjunction with Digestive Disease Week (DDW) on May 15 in Chicago, IL. Thirty-five awardees were honored for their hard work and dedication to the advancement of GI endoscopy. The evening was an overwhelming success with proceeds benefiting the ASGE Foundation and GI endoscopy-related research and public education. To view photos of the award recipients and the evening’s festivities, or to view the tribute messages that appeared in the printed program, visit www.asge.org/foundation.

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☐ Say thank you to a colleague
☐ Pay tribute to a patient or loved one
☐ Honor your mentor(s)

Take a moment today and make a difference in the future of GI endoscopic-related research and public education. To make a tax deductible contribution, contact the ASGE Foundation at foundation@asge.org or 866.353.ASGE (2743), or log on to www.asge.org and click E-Services to donate online.