

# ACG CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARDS

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## Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award

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DEADLINE: Monday, December 1, 2025

The ACG Institute is proud to announce that the Health Equity Research Award is now re-named in honor of the life and legacy of Leonidas H. Berry, MD, MACG. The College and the ACG Institute recognize his contributions to gastroenterology, and tireless efforts to end discrimination in medicine and medical schools.

Dr. Berry was a pioneering gastroenterologist, inventor of the Eder-Berry biopsy attachment for the Eder gastroscope, and President of the National Medical Association from 1965 to 1966, among many career distinctions. He joined the College in 1946 and was ACG's first African American member. ACG bestowed its inaugural Clinical Achievement Award to Dr. Berry in 1987.

The Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award supports targeted research to produce actionable science that will translate to reducing health and/or healthcare disparities, thereby promoting health equity. We invite **eligible applicants to apply for up to \$75,000 (50k year-one, 25k year-two, based on progress) two-year research award, to be funded from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2028.**

According to The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation "health equity means reducing and ultimately eliminating disparities in health and its determinants that adversely affect excluded or marginalized groups."

**The goal of the Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award** is to support promising investigators in developing research careers that have a direct bearing on clinical gastrointestinal practice by advancing our knowledge in reducing disparities in the care and outcomes of racial/ethnic minorities, women, LGBTQ+ populations, and/or those living

with a disability that is not derivative of a gastrointestinal disease, within the broader context of gastrointestinal and liver diseases. For this RFA, a disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

### ACG 2026 LEONIDAS BERRY HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH AWARD

This two-year award, with funding of up to \$75,000 (50k year-one, 25k year-two based on progress), supports actionable science that will translate to reducing health and/or healthcare disparities. This award type is for ACG physician members in the U.S. or Canada. The applicants must either be a faculty member at a university, medical school or other healthcare institution at the time of application OR attending physicians who have completed all of their training and are practicing gastroenterology or hepatology in a community practice. Pilot data is required. **This award type is not intended for fellows-in-training, residents, or medical students.**

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE 2026 HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH AWARD IS:  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025**