



# ACG TRAINEE RESOURCES

*All You Need  
to Succeed*



## CHIEF FELLOWS COURSE\*

This course offers general sessions and small group breakout sessions over one and a half days. During the course Chief Fellows can network, engage in small group learning, role-play, and discuss challenging situations candidly with co-chief fellows and faculty while receiving real-time feedback. The in-person course serves as an engaging and motivating experience for trainees at the cusp of their careers. Fellows are nominated by their Program Directors each January. This annual event is traditionally held in late Spring.

## IBD 101: A PRIMER FOR FIRST-YEAR GASTROENTEROLOGY FELLOWS

IBD 101 is a one-day educational course designed to provide first-year gastroenterology Fellows with the opportunity to learn about the diagnosis and treatment of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). IBD 101 features an intimate, interactive format led by national leaders in IBD clinical care, research, and education. Fellows are nominated by their Program Director in April. This annual event is traditionally held in September.

→ Learn more: [gi.org/trainees/ibd101](http://gi.org/trainees/ibd101)

## 2ND YEAR FELLOWS COURSE\*

Interact with leaders from across the GI spectrum while you network with your peers from programs throughout the U.S. and Canada. In addition to general sessions and case-centered discussions, attendees will participate in hands-on endoscopy sessions from leading experts with exposure to new tools. Fellows are nominated by their Program Director each July. This annual event is traditionally held in January.

## 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. This annual event features research presentations, lectures, and coaching by leading gastroenterologists. Limited to twenty-five Fellows by invitation only, each Fellow can submit up to three abstracts. Research topics can include clinical or basic science gastroenterology projects. Competitive selection is based on abstract submissions. All attending Fellows receive a certificate of attendance, and three will be honored with Distinguished Achievement Awards, including a \$1,000 travel award to the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting.

## ACG - FDA VISITING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The ACG-U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Visiting Fellowship Program invites current first- or second-year Fellows to apply for a virtual one-month rotation within the Division of Gastroenterology in the Office of New Drugs (OND) in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) at the FDA. Through structured learning activities and regular interactions with FDA staff, the Fellows gain valuable insight into the drug review and approval process and experience the day-to-day activities that inform the interactions between the FDA, academia, and industry. Selected Fellows receive a financial award and a stipend to attend and present research at the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting.

→ Learn more: [gi.org/fda-fellowship](http://gi.org/fda-fellowship)

## 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 trainees'-only events, the College also offers trainees'-only hands-on endoscopy workshop sessions.

### GI JEOPARDY

Help your program earn bragging rights as the winner of GI Jeopardy, a friendly competition among GI training programs across North America (US and Canada). This popular competition consists of two stages, an online preliminary round where all GI programs are invited to compete and a final round where two person teams from the top five scoring programs will compete in front of a live audience immediately following the ACG Annual Postgraduate Course. 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 following year's ACG Annual Scientific Meeting.

### ENDOTITANS HANDS-ON CHALLENGE

The EndoTitans Challenge is open to second- and third-year ACG trainee members. The competition begins with an online test of trainees' endoscopy knowledge. The top trainees for each year are then invited to the hands-on challenge at the Annual Scientific Meeting. One second-year trainee and one third-year trainee will win bragging rights as well as a \$1,000 travel award to the following year's ACG Annual Scientific Meeting.

### ACG VIRTUAL GRAND ROUNDS

Join nationally recognized experts for a live presentation with Q&A, each week, on Thursday at 12:00 pm ET, followed by a rebroadcast at 8:00 pm ET. Visit [gi.org/ACGVGR](http://gi.org/ACGVGR) to register for future weeks! Or check out our career-focused webinars, including the popular Annual Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship Match Application – Tips and Tricks.

→ Visit [gi.org/education/career-focused-webinars](http://gi.org/education/career-focused-webinars)

*\*All expenses (hotel, airfare, transportation, and meals) are paid by the College.*



## EMERGING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The ACG's Emerging Leadership Program offers U.S. based College members in their third or fourth year of GI fellowship training a unique chance to cultivate the skills necessary for future leadership success. Through a comprehensive curriculum, participants delve into topics such as communication, negotiation, time management, and advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion. This immersive experience equips Fellows with the tools needed as they transition into post-fellowship careers and embrace increased leadership responsibilities. The program's dynamic format includes lectures, interactive Q&A sessions, and valuable networking opportunities.

→ Learn more: [gi.org/emerging-leadership](http://gi.org/emerging-leadership)

## 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.

## NAVIGATING, NETWORKING, AND NEGOTIATING YOUR FIRST JOB WORKSHOP

Fellows interested in gaining valuable insight on what they face 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.

## TRINEES' LUNCHEON

Attending the ACG Annual Postgraduate Course? Sign up to attend the Trainees' Luncheon, exclusively for GI Fellows. 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."

## 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. The discussion is geared towards trainees who are poised to make key decisions regarding the future of their medical careers. This luncheon will address the importance of balancing career and family, while reviewing general opportunities for women in medicine and more specifically, gastroenterology.

## CAREER CENTER

Whether you are seeking a new job or looking to add someone to your team, ACG's Career Center is the place to start your search.

→ Visit [acgjobs.lww.com](http://acgjobs.lww.com)

## ACG CASE REPORTS JOURNAL

The ACG Case Reports Journal (CRJ) is a peer-reviewed, open access 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 free to all readers. Publication fees are waived for ACG members. 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 for Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editor positions. As an CRJ Editor, you will gain valuable editorial experience, help your peers share their work, and establish your reputation as a leader. Editorial terms begin July 1 each year.

## THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

The American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG), also known as the Red Journal, is one of the leading clinical journals covering gastroenterology and hepatology. Notable sections include the Red Section, ACG Clinical Guidelines, Clinical Reviews, and Images/Videos of the Month. Authors enjoy a format-free submission process, and select RCTs are picked for rapid peer review. The Journal provides practical and professional support for clinicians dealing with the gastroenterological disorders seen most often in patients. Members receive the AJG in print each month and may also access articles online. Added benefits include monthly author podcasts featuring editor interviews with authors.

## CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL GASTROENTEROLOGY

Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology (CTG) is a double-blind peer-reviewed, open access journal dedicated to publishing innovative clinical work such as hypothesis-generating research, novel cohort studies, early-phase clinical trials, qualitative and quantitative epidemiologic research, and studies of novel mechanisms and methodologies including public health interventions in the field of gastroenterology, pancreatology, and hepatology. All articles are freely available online. ACG members receive discounted publication fees.

## EVIDENCE BASED GI: AN ACG PUBLICATION

Stay informed about the latest clinical research in gastroenterology, hepatology, and endoscopy published in general medicine journals with ACG's Evidence-Based GI. Our expert editorial board provides concise, evidence-based structured abstracts, expert commentary, and practical advice for implementing the newest research into your daily practice. Audio summaries are available where you get your podcasts. Look for new summary slides created just for journal clubs.

## ACG MAGAZINE

This quarterly print and digital publication for College members is known for personal storytelling and innovative features touching on physicians' clinical interests, achievements, and lifestyles. Regular features celebrate professional news of the ACG community, and a special "Trainee Hub" section is edited by a GI fellow-in-training.



## GI TRAINING PATHWAY

Designed to serve as an educational tool for GI fellowship training, the GI Training Pathway through the ACG Education Universe covers the Gastroenterology Core Curriculum. If you are not already participating, ask your program director to enroll your program so that you can take advantage of learning from core lectures on a variety of GI topics, presentations from ACG's annual and regional courses, journal articles, and self-assessment test questions.

## BOARD REVIEW QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

## SELF-ASSESSMENT TEST (SAT)

The Self-Assessment Test (SAT) is one of the main teaching tools of the College, produced annually with the Postgraduate Course. Each test includes 300 questions in a single best answer format, many of which include images or videos, along with detailed answers and annotated references. These tests provide a valuable review for graduating fellows taking their GI Board and established practitioners looking for a broad clinical update or preparing for recertification.

## GET INVOLVED

Committees are where most of the real work of the ACG takes place. Many of the policy and project decisions reached by the ACG Board of Trustees begin with ideas raised at the committee meetings and developed by a specific committee. ACG has 24 committees and the application closes in May each year.

➔ Submit your request: [gi.org/about/committees](http://gi.org/about/committees)



## INTERNATIONAL TRAINING GRANTS

Advance your skills and learn from the experts when you apply for one of ACG's International GI Training Grants. The College offers two grants: one for those in the U.S. and Canada (up to \$10,000), and the other for those outside of the U.S. and Canada (up to \$15,000). Grant funding is to be used for travel to and from the training center and to the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting.

→ Learn more: [gi.org/trainees/gi-training-grants](http://gi.org/trainees/gi-training-grants)

## 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.

## CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARDS

ACG has invested more than \$31.9 million in original patient-oriented clinical gastroenterology and hepatology research. Fellows are encouraged to apply for the ACG Clinical Research Awards for grants up to \$50,000, which require pilot data, or for the Clinical Research Pilot Award, which does NOT require pilot data, for projects of up to \$15,000.

→ Learn more: [gi.org/research-awards](http://gi.org/research-awards)





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