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SASGOG Research e-Letter

April 2025

2025 Annual Meeting — Registration Open



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2025 AAOGF/SASGOG Pilot Grant Announcement

The American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF) and the Society of Academic Specialists in General Obstetrics and Gynecology (SASGOG) are pleased to announce a pilot grant opportunity to provide \$25,000 in funding to a qualified candidate to assist the candidate in generating preliminary data and to foster a mentor relationship in anticipation of applying for a future mentored award (e.g. the AAOGF Physician Scientist Award, a NIH K08, a NIH Reproductive Scientist Award, and others).

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Best Manuscript from a SASGOG Abstract Award

This award is for the best manuscript that originated from an abstract submitted and accepted for presentation at the SASGOG Annual Meeting.

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through a monetary award of \$750.

1. Eligibility:

- Manuscript accepted within a year from the SASGOG meeting date*
- Should be a SASGOG member and a student, resident, or junior faculty (within 5 years from graduation from residency training) at the time of the SASGOG meeting.
- Student, resident, or junior faculty should be the first or last author on the manuscript.
- Published in a PubMed-indexed journal e.Award applications accepted June 2024–May 2025.

**For example—Award applications for abstracts presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting (May 2024) will be accepted June 2024–May 2025. The winner will be presented at the 2025 Annual Meeting.*

2. Evaluation criteria:

- Potential to change clinical practice.
- Novelty of the idea.
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion: Subject matter impacting underserved patient populations; author is from the underrepresented group in medicine and science as [defined by AAMC](#).

3. To apply: Click [here](#) to apply for the Best Manuscript from a SASGOG Abstract Award

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Research Opportunities

UAB Fellowship Opportunity

The University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is establishing a Division in Global and Rural Health. The vision is a bi-directional approach to extend women's health research and resources to other countries, take what is learned, bring the information back home, and apply it in local communities—particularly rural settings. Likewise, studies and research being done in rural Alabama and other local areas are being taken and applied internationally. [Therefore, we have open faculty rank positions \(Assistant to Full Professor\) focusing on global and/or rural health.](#)

We also recently started a 2-year fellowship in Global and Rural Health for Ob/Gyn physicians who are interested in academic careers.

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CREST Program

CREST is funded by an NIH R25 grant and we seek to provide a mini-Masters type program that is customized for MDs who practice reproductive medicine. Eligible candidates should meet the following criteria:

1. MD or equivalent degree
2. Completion of training (must have passed General and/or Subspecialty boards)
3. US Citizen or permanent resident
4. Involved in the practice of reproductive medicine, including but not limited to:
 - REIs
 - Urologists
 - 'General' OBGYNs
 - Complex Family Planning physicians
 - Internal Medicine Endocrinologists

Scholars will need 3 letters of support and a personal statement describing their interest in the program. The application process is described here: <https://crestscholars.org/apply>. The deadline for applications is 6/13/25 and Scholars are notified of their acceptance by August in order for them to arrange transportation to the annual ASRM meeting.

The program is 2 years in duration although once a CREST Scholar, always a CREST Scholar and all are invited to participate in every other month conference calls that review manuscript progress and works in progress, as well as career development topics.

In the first year, Scholars attend an orientation session at the annual ASRM meeting in October, then undergo training in clinical research and epidemiology and statistics by accessing online modules produced by Bill Wilkinson, PhD and Steven Grambow, PhD from Duke University Clinical Science Training Program.

In Year 2, Scholars are provided – if possible – with an opportunity to attend an in-person meeting of a clinical trial in progress to learn the tools and tricks of the trade in participant



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medicine, this enrichment activity is being redefined. However, all Scholars are tasked with completing a team science project that will result in a publication, and many Scholars have completed multiple team projects through CREST.

The program has been in existence since 2006 and has now trained over 100 Scholars, including a number of Division Chiefs and some Department Chairs. It is an excellent career stepping stone for academic physicians as well as practicing physicians who wish to become involved in clinical trials. Please forward information about CREST to any faculty who you feel might be appropriate for this program.

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Research Resources

The SASGOG Research Committee is creating a repository of research training programs for graduates of OB/GYN residency programs. Specifically, we are looking for research-specific training programs, as well as other academic development opportunities with a significant research component. Please use the link below to submit any relevant research programs to our repository.

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Women First Research Coalition (WFRC) Updates

WFRC has been busy over the last several months.

1. The coalition provided remarks on the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) report on Women Health Research
2. The coalition participated in the Roundtable on Women Health held on February 12, 2025 at ACOG headquarters in Washington DC addressing the state of Women Health Research, Practice Guidelines in Obstetrics and Gynecology and other important topics.
3. The coalition is preparing for the Hills Day on Friday March 7, 2025 to advocate for Women's Health Issues
4. The coalition is participating in the response to current administrative actions such as the cut in the indirect cost of research.



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Research Studies

The Ohio State University Research Opportunity

Name: Hayley Dunlop, MPH

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SASGOG Member Name: Hayley Dunlop, MPH

Descriptive title of the study: Provider Attitudes Regarding Analgesia for In-Office Gynecologic Procedures

Brief description of the study: The TCU Burnett School of Medicine Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is conducting research to assess current pain management for in-office gynecologic procedures and provider ability and attitudes regarding various analgesia options. You will be asked a series of questions that involves your demographics of training and professional experience with in-office gynecologic procedures as well as your professional opinions regarding analgesia options.

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Start date of the study survey:

12/07/2024

End date for the study survey:

05/15/2025

Yale School of Medicine Study

Name: Kathryn (Kate) Callahan

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SASGOG Member Name: Kathryn Callahan

Descriptive title of the study: Contraceptive Counseling for Transgender and Gender Diverse Patients: Knowledge and Experience Among Gynecologic Healthcare Providers.

Brief description of the study: The survey study is designed to assess the knowledge, perceptions, and practice behaviors of OB/Gyn physicians and other medical professionals involved in contraceptive counseling for transgender and gender diverse (TGD) patients. By understanding the knowledge gaps and challenges related to contraceptive counseling for TGD patients, we hope to identify opportunities to improve education for providers and promote health equity for gender diverse patients. The online survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and consists of 20 Likert scale multiple-choice questions, along with a brief demographic section. It is open to any licensed U.S. healthcare professional with experience providing contraceptive counseling, regardless of prior experience working with TGD patients. The survey is being conducted through the Yale School of Medicine. The point of contact for the study is Kate Callahan at kate.callahan@yale.edu.

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Start date of the study survey:

01/14/2025

End date for the study survey:

06/02/2025

Research Interview

Interview with Dr. Katie McKenney, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Director of the Adult PCOS Multi-Disciplinary Program at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Interviewed by Dr. Marisa Young, Assistant Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Emory University School of Medicine

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American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Continuing Certification Articles Featuring SASGOG members - January 2025

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