

ACG ABSTRACT AWARDS AND TRAVEL GRANTS



ACG 2026 will offer over 45 named awards, in a variety of areas, for outstanding abstract submissions related to clinical or research-oriented work in the field of gastroenterology. Some awards are available only to fellows-in-training, medical students, or NP/PAs, while others are only for ACG Members or ACG Fellows (FACG). Recipients of the monetary awards listed below will be determined based on scores and merit of qualifying abstracts submitted and the criteria for each award. Unless otherwise noted, recipients will be selected by the ACG Abstract Selection Committee.

Each award listed below carries with it a \$1,000 grant for the presenting author. Recipients are encouraged to use the stipend to cover the cost of travel and lodging to present their research at the ACG 2026 Annual Meeting in Nashville. Presentation of named awards will be made during an invitation-only reception on Monday evening, October 12.

The International Travel Grant recipients receive a \$2,000 stipend (recipients are required to attend the ACG Annual Meeting in-person to receive their grant funding).

ACG Auxiliary Awards (3)

The ACG Auxiliary offers three awards of \$1,000 each to the primary authors of the three best abstracts submitted by fellows-in-training.

ACG Governors Awards for Excellence in Clinical Research (5)

These awards consist of a \$1,000 stipend. Five winners will be selected from all abstracts submitted. Three awards will be given to ACG Members or ACG Fellows (FACG); two will be given to fellows-in-training. These awards are supported by the ACG Board of Governors.

International Award (1)

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend. One winner will be selected from the abstracts scheduled for oral presentation by international authors. Authors must not be based in or be a citizen of the U.S. or Canada and all work must have been performed outside the U.S. and Canada.

Lawlor Resident Award (1)

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend for the resident to present the paper at the ACG 2026 Annual Meeting. The winner will be selected from all abstracts submitted by residents-in-training.

ACG Case Reports Journal Awards (2)

These awards consist of a \$1,000 stipend. Two winners will be selected from all abstracts submitted in the Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports category. One award will be given to an ACG Member or ACG Fellow (FACG); the other will be given to a fellow-in-training.

APP Outstanding Research Award (1)

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend for the primary author of the best abstract submitted by a certified nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

Fellows-in-Training Awards (15)

These awards consist of a \$1,000 stipend. Fifteen winners will be selected from all abstracts submitted by fellows-in-training, with one winner in each category, excluding Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports, Pediatrics, and the Endoscopy Video Forum.

Category Awards (15)

These awards consist of a \$1,000 stipend. Awards will be given to ACG Members or ACG Fellows (FACG). Fifteen winners will be selected from all abstracts submitted, with one winner in each category, excluding Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports, Pediatrics, and the Endoscopy Video Forum.

Pediatric GI Award (1)

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend. One award will be given to an abstract from the Pediatric GI category that is selected for oral presentation.

Health Equity Research Abstract Award* (1)

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend. Abstracts should relate to original quality improvement, clinical, translational, or basic science-oriented work in identifying and/or interventions centered on health equity or health care-based disparities in gastrointestinal diseases. Disparities may be based on race/ethnicity, gender, language, geographic location, socioeconomic status, or disabilities. Community-based research studies are also eligible. One winner will be selected from all abstracts submitted in any category. The ACG Health Equity Research Award is supported by the ACG Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

Medical Student Award (1)

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend. One winner will be selected from all abstracts submitted by medical students.

Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award* (1)

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend. Abstracts should relate to original clinical or basic science oriented work in identifying gender-based differences in gastrointestinal diseases. One winner will be selected from all abstracts submitted in any category. The Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award is named in honor of Radhika Srinivasan, MD, MACG, and presented in conjunction with the Women in Gastroenterology Committee.

ACG International Travel Grants (3)

These provide grants to presenting authors from countries classified by the World Bank as Lower to Lower-Middle Income (LLMI). There are three grants, each including registration for the Annual Scientific Meeting plus a \$2,000 stipend, for the three best abstracts submitted by international authors from LLMI countries. Authors must not be based in or be a citizen of the U.S. or Canada and all work must have been performed outside the U.S. and Canada. Recipients will be required to travel to and attend the ACG Annual Meeting in-person to receive their grant funding. It is the responsibility of the grant recipient to book and pay for travel and accommodations. The goal of these grants is to encourage research in gastroenterology in LLMI countries and inspire researchers to present their research at the ACG Annual Meeting. These travel grants are contingent upon the person listed as the presenting author presenting the research and do not apply if someone other than the recipient presents. The International Travel Grants are supported by the ACG International Relations Committee.

* To be considered for this award, you must apply during abstract submission.

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ACG Abstracts of Distinction and Presenter Recognition



The ACG Annual Meeting also recognizes abstracts and presenters for outstanding achievement in several areas. While no monetary awards are associated with these distinctions, several include bestowal of ribbons on-site during the meeting, and recipients of the Outstanding Poster Presenter designation will receive a certificate after the meeting.

Both the Health Equity Research Abstracts of Distinction and the Presidential Poster Awards will be selected based on scores and merit of qualifying abstracts submitted and the criteria for each award. Those, as well as the Newsworthy Abstracts, will be selected before the meeting. Outstanding Poster Presenters are selected during the meeting.

Health Equity Research Abstracts of Distinction

While no grant stipend is associated with this recognition, recipients are highlighted in the online ePoster Hall site during the meeting. This distinction is for abstracts which feature quality improvement, clinical, translational, or basic science-oriented work in identifying, and/or interventions centered on, health equity or health care-based disparities in gastrointestinal diseases. Recipients are selected by the ACG Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

Newsworthy Abstracts

While no grant stipend is associated with this recognition, recipients are highlighted in the online ePoster Hall site during the meeting. This distinction is for abstracts which feature scientific findings that are innovative, newsworthy for the lay reader, relevant to those who suffer from common GI problems, and which represent a significant advancement in the diagnosis and treatment of GI diseases. Recipients are selected by the ACG Public Relations Committee.

Outstanding Poster Presenters

While no grant stipend is associated with this recognition, recipients receive a red ribbon during the poster sessions and a certificate after the meeting, and will also be highlighted in the online ePoster Hall site. This distinction is given to poster presenters best able to communicate their key findings, the significance of their data, as well as to articulate the potential impact of their work for clinicians and patients, in two minutes, as determined by faculty judges during the daily Poster Rounds with the Experts, on-site during the meeting. All poster authors standing with their posters at their assigned date and time are eligible.

Presidential Poster Awards

While no grant stipend is associated with these awards, winners receive a blue ribbon pinned to their poster during the poster sessions, and will be highlighted in the online ePoster Hall site. Each year, approximately 5% of accepted abstracts receive this distinction for high quality, novel, unique, or interesting research. This award is determined by the ACG Abstract Selection Committee.

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