



# ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS

*Advancing GI Care Through Education,  
Resources, Professional Growth.*

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# *A note from the* **Chair of the ACG APP Committee**

Advanced Practice Providers are vital to the future of clinical gastroenterology and hepatology care, and it's an exciting time to be part of the ACG APP community. Serving as Chair of the ACG Advanced Practice Providers Committee has given me a front-row seat to the energy, innovation, and collaboration driving the growth of APP-focused resources within the College.

ACG's APP-specific benefits continue to evolve because of input from APP members themselves. Your feedback has shaped educational offerings, professional development opportunities, and new ways to connect—ensuring these resources are practical, relevant, and reflective of real-world GI practice.

I am especially excited about the direction of APP education at ACG as we build successful programs and introduce new learning opportunities designed specifically for Advanced Practice Providers. Together, we are creating a strong, supportive community that invests in your growth today and looks ahead to the future of GI care.



Sarah M. Enslin, PA-C, MS  
Chair, ACG Advanced Practice Providers Committee



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## Member-Driven Education, Built for APPs

ACG's Advanced Practice Providers benefits are intentionally designed—and continuously refined—based on direct feedback from APP members and the evolving realities of GI practice. Every program, resource, and learning opportunity reflects ACG's commitment to delivering education that is practical, relevant, and immediately applicable in clinical settings.

What began as a focused set of GI Training Series modules for APPs has grown into the **ACG APP Academy for Clinical Excellence**, a comprehensive suite of APP-specific education, professional development, and community resources.

Today, ACG's APP resources represent a fully realized program built to support APPs. From foundational education to advanced learning, connection, and recognition, these benefits reflect a member-driven approach with clear goals: to help you as an APP grow, lead, and advance GI care.

Photo: Advanced Practice Providers Committee



# APP Academy for Clinical Excellence

The **ACG APP Academy** was developed to service the demand for more structured, APP-specific education. APPs asked for deeper, more targeted learning—and ACG delivered with this **member-exclusive benefit**.

This first-of-its-kind, longitudinal learning platform is purpose-built for Advanced Practice Providers in gastroenterology and hepatology. Grounded in real-world practice and informed by member-identified gaps in training, the APP Academy provides curated, clinically focused content that supports APPs at every stage of their GI career.



- ✓ Flexible, self-paced learning that fits clinical demands
- ✓ Professional development to support retention and engagement
- ✓ Access to continuing education credits
- ✓ Confidence in navigating complex GI and hepatology cases



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# APP Mentoring Program

*Connect. Learn. Grow.*

The ACG APP Mentoring Program connects Advanced Practice Providers with with experienced GI APPs to support career development, clinical growth, and professional confidence. This member-exclusive benefit offers meaningful, one-on-one connections designed to help APPs navigate their evolving roles within gastroenterology and hepatology.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ One-on-one mentoring with experienced GI APPs
- ✓ Support for career planning, clinical decision-making, and leadership growth
- ✓ Opportunities to expand your professional network within ACG
- ✓ Guidance tailored to your goals, experience level, and practice setting

## MENTOR CATEGORIES

### Early Career (0–3 Years)

Foundational resources for clinical practice, including guidelines, documentation efficiency, confidence building, and continuing educational opportunities.

### Leadership

Support for APPs in formal and informal leadership roles, with tools for recruitment, onboarding, retention, and leadership development.

### Mid to Late Career

Ongoing development of advanced clinical skills and professional growth for experienced APPs.

### Research

Guidance on entering research as a sub-investigator and participating in scholarly and quality improvement projects.

### Speaking & Industry Engagement

Resources for building case presentations, creating effective slide decks, and developing confident, impactful presentation skills.

### Sub-Specialization

Support for APPs pursuing focused expertise (IBD, Hepatology, Motility, and more), including pathways to niche roles and specialty clinics.

### Teaching

Tools and guidance for APPs interested in precepting, guest lecturing, and academic or faculty roles.

### Well-Being & Resilience

Resources focused on burnout prevention, work-life integration, and physical well-being in clinical practice.

Whether you're early in your GI career or looking to take the next step, the APP Mentoring Program provides personalized support from a trusted professional community. Scan the QR code for more information on requesting or becoming a mentor.



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## On ACG Mentorship...

“I did enjoy being a mentor, this was my first time in a more formal mentoring role. It was **great to connect with others** in the field and even as a mentor I **learned from the mentees.**” *-Former Mentor*

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“It was **helpful to find comradery and insight from other APPs** across the country and the similarities and differences in our practices. There is a lot out there that can be done to **better the lives of APPs** and work life balance, along with things like onboarding. Resources are available and as this workforce of APPs continues to grow, **mentorship will be vital for the longevity of GI APPs** everywhere.” *-Former Mentee*



# APP Scholarship and Funding

## **ACG APP Annual Meeting Scholarship Fund Program** *Investing in APP Education and Growth*

ACG recognizes that funding limitations can be a barrier for Advanced Practice Providers to attend premier GI education events. The APP Annual Meeting Scholarship Fund eases that burden by providing financial support so more APP members can participate in the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting & Postgraduate Course — one of the most impactful learning and networking opportunities in our field.

### **SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Partial financial support (up to \$2,000) for **registration, travel, lodging, and meals**
- Helps make **GI education** more accessible for APPs
- Supports attendance at the **ACG Annual Scientific Meeting & Postgraduate Course**
- Open to **ACG APP members** with a competitive application process



## **APP Research Grants & Awards** *Investing in Tomorrow's Clinical Leaders*

Designed to stimulate innovative, patient-focused research, the ACG Institute's awards empower researchers at all stages to pursue meaningful scientific inquiry that advances clinical practice, enhances health equity, and drives measurable improvements in outcomes across GI conditions. APP members are eligible to apply for these awards along with GI trainees and physicians.

### **The Clinical Research Award**

This is a one-year clinical research award for fellows-in-training, faculty, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, or international physicians to support clinical research in gastroenterology or hepatology.

**Award Amount:** \$100,000 (one-year award)

### **Clinical Research Pilot Award**

This is a one-year pilot award for fellows-in-training, faculty, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, or international physicians to gather pilot data on a patient-oriented clinical research project in gastroenterology or hepatology.

**Award Amount:** \$30,000 (one-year award)



# APP Awards & Recognition

*Celebrating Outstanding Contributions in GI Care*

Each year, the American College of Gastroenterology recognizes Advanced Practice Providers who are making meaningful contributions to gastroenterology and hepatology through clinical excellence, education, and scholarly work. These prestigious NP/PA awards spotlight APP leaders whose work advances patient care and inspires the GI community.

## ACG APP AWARDS INCLUDE:

### NP/PA Award for Clinical Excellence

Recognizes outstanding clinical expertise and leadership in GI practice.

### Distinguished NP/PA Teaching Award

Honors APPs who demonstrate excellence in education, mentorship, and training.

Award recipients are recognized at the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting, providing national visibility and professional distinction among peers.



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## GET INVOLVED:



### SUBMIT a nomination

for yourself or a colleague



### SHARE your research

or quality improvement work  
by submitting an abstract



### EARN recognition

for the impact you're making in  
gastroenterology and hepatology

### APP Abstract Award

We invite APPs to submit abstracts to the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting! The Abstract Awards celebrate high-quality research, quality improvement projects, and scholarly contributions. There are 17 categories with more than 40 awards, including awards specifically for APPs.



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# ACG Annual Scientific Meeting: APP Activities

*Where the APP Community Comes Together*

Each year, the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting offers a dynamic lineup of programming and experiences designed specifically for Advanced Practice Providers. From education and leadership development to recognition and networking, the meeting brings the APP community together in meaningful ways—creating space to learn, connect, and grow alongside peers and mentors from across the country.



## APP Leadership Summit

A dedicated opportunity to build leadership skills, explore career advancement, and engage in peer-to-peer learning.



## APP Networking & Educational Sessions

Interactive events focused on career growth, practice management, and professional development—designed exclusively for APPs.



## APP Lounge

A welcoming space to recharge, connect with colleagues, and build community throughout the meeting.



## Awards & Recognition

National recognition for APPs demonstrating excellence in clinical care, education, and scholarly work.



## Scholarships & Scientific Abstract Opportunities

Financial support and platforms to share research, quality improvement projects, and innovations in GI care.

Free for ACG members, the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting reflects ACG's ongoing commitment to elevating the APP voice and creating inclusive, high-impact experiences that support APPs at every stage of their career. Learn more at [acgmeetings.gi.org](https://acgmeetings.gi.org).





Join ACG and access member-driven benefits and education created specifically for Advanced Practice Providers — including the APP Academy, a learning platform shaped by your needs and designed to support excellence in GI care.






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