



MINUTES

Research and Career Development Committee

Date: March 11, 2025 Time: 11:00am – 12:30pm Pacific

Location: Hyatt Hotel, Long Beach, CA

Chair: Christopher DuCoin, MD, MPH

Co-Chairs: Marylise Boutros, MD; Dino Spaniolas, MD

Council Staff: JQ Narváez

Members In Attendance: Drs. Ryan Broderick, Anne Ehlers, Georgios Karagkounis, Atul Madan, Peter Nau, Kyle Perry, Kevin Reavis, Dimitrios Stefanidis and Patricia Sylla

I. Call to Order, Announcements, and Disclosures

Dr. DuCoin called the meeting to order and read the Chair script. The disclosure document was circulated for updates or confirmation as appropriate. As chair, Dr. DuCoin, ensured all contributions are balanced during the committee meeting and asked that in addition to noting them in the printed document, if anyone has any new or changed disclosures, to please log into your SAGES member account as soon as possible and update them there as well.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Fall 2024 meeting on October 15, 2024 were approved.

III. Review Committee Goals

The committee reviewed and discussed the goals individually. They discussed how to reach out for funding without overreaching the SAGES' broader requests. Given the limited availability of funding, members emphasized the importance of demonstrating value in how grants are used.

They also addressed creating opportunities for groups with less access to research, like community surgeons. To facilitate collaborations, they outlined the criteria for the mentorship program that would pair residents with experienced researchers.

The committee emphasized the importance of marketing and visibility for the research opportunities and discussed an updated strategy for the Career Development Award recipient follow-up.

IV. 2025 Grants

70 grant submissions were received for the 2025 year. Dr. DuCoin went over the COI policies and the review expectations of committee members leading to a broader discussion about COI and the grant review process. Members noted situations during which reviewers need to recuse themselves.

The committee agreed that if a member, or anyone from their institution, submitted a grant, they are not eligible to review in that category.



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V. Medical Student Awards

24 submissions were received for the 2025 year. Dr. Spaniolas shared that the membership ROI for the award is 40%. The committee discussed ways to engage community programs including reaching out program directors.

VI. Career Development Award 2026

It was mentioned that the 2026 Career Development Award opens in the fall.

VII. Candidates to Research Committee Opportunity

The CV's of the candidate members were provided to the committee to review prior to the meeting and they agreed to add them to the committee.

VIII. Research Data Network

Dr. Boutros provided an overview of the research data network and its infrastructure, as well as how to use the back end.

The meeting was adjourned.