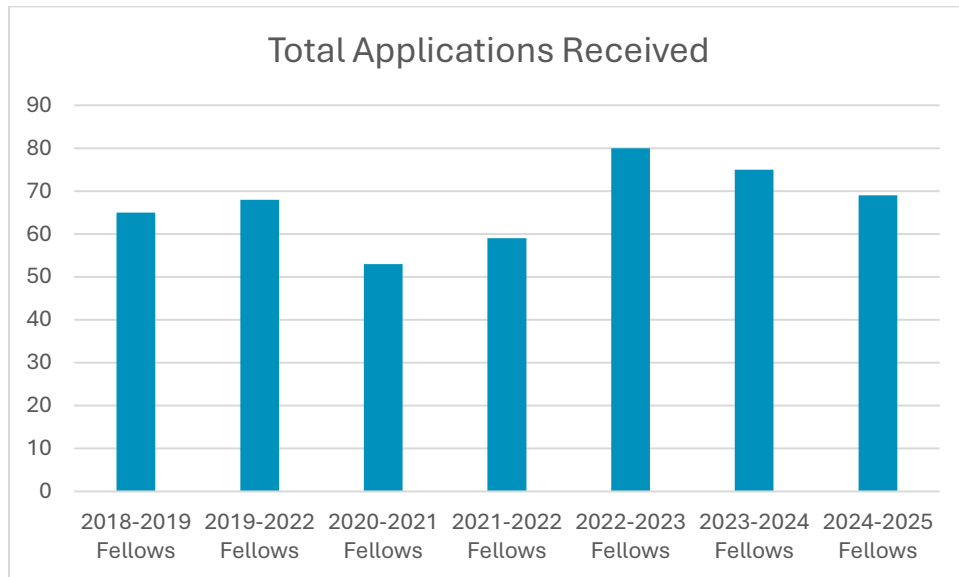


SAGES Fellowship Recognition Programs

SAGES Advanced GI MIS & Comprehensive Flex Endo Certificate Program

<https://www.sages.org/fellowship-certification/>



- For 2024-2025, 51% of fellows in Adv GI MIS (including dual – or multi-designated programs) and/or Flex Endo programs applied for the SAGES certificate, down slightly from the prior year (58%)
- On average, 66% of applicants complete the requirements and receive their certificate by the deadline.
- There is no single reason applications are not completed. Some don't upload any of or all the required materials and some don't upgrade to the required Active membership status. They are reminded many times during the year-long application completion window.

VBA Fee Waiver Pilot

- Co-sponsored by RAFT and the SAGES Video Based Assessment (VBA) Task Force, this pilot waived the Adv GI MIS fellowship certificate application fee for fellows who submitted two videos to the SAGES MIS Fundoplication VBA.
- We received inquiries from 25 fellows, and 16 went on to complete the process through application submission. These applicants are included in the total Adv GI MIS application numbers noted above.
- The main goal of the pilot was to test the VBA process and systems, and in the absence of any mandate to participate, expectations were low. RAFT and the VBA Task Force were thrilled that nearly 25% of the total certificate applicants participated in the VBA pilot.
- Submitted videos will be scored as a continuation of the VBA Task Force pilot. Most fellows requested their pass/fail assessment once the scoring is complete.

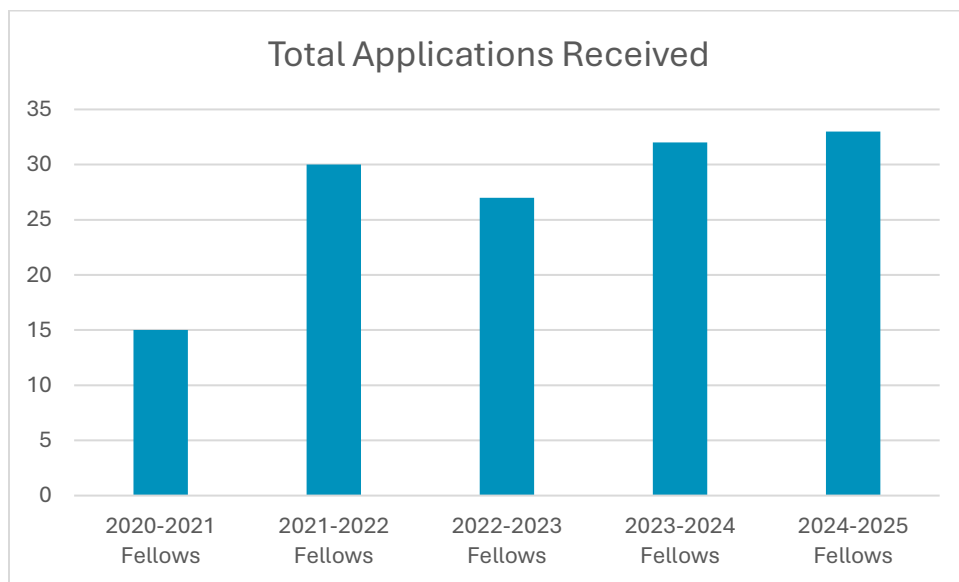
SAGES Advanced Flex Endo Area of Concentrated Activity (ACT) Seal

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- SAGES offers the ACT Seal in Advanced Flexible Endoscopy to a broad group of fellows who have successfully completed their training and have met the Fellowship Council-endorsed Advanced Flexible Endoscopy criteria.
- The ACT seal is only available to fellows who completed their training in FC-accredited programs, and the fellow MUST apply for and be awarded the society certificate affiliated with their program's fellowship designation.
- For 2024-2025, there were 20 applications, slightly up from the previous year (19).
- Approximately half of the applicants from the previous year (2023-2024) were awarded the seal. In a few cases, the fellow did not meet the case criteria and in most cases, they did not complete the application or did not obtain the required society fellowship certificate.

Multi-Society Foregut Fellowship Certificate Program

<https://www.foregutfellowshipcert.org/>



- The Foregut Fellowship Certificate Program is sponsored by SAGES, ASMBS, AFS and SSAT. SAGES staff manage the program.
- A high percentage of fellows (>80%) in Foregut programs consistently apply for the certificate, reflecting the strong support of Program Directors for its value. However, the percentage who complete their requirements and receive a certificate is similar to the Adv GI MIS & Flex Endo Certifications.
- The number of foregut-designated fellow positions has more than doubled since its launch in AY20-21 (16 to 39 in AY24-25).