ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSORS OF GYNECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS (APGO)

Surgical Education Scholars Program

The Surgical Education Scholars Program is one of APGO’s most prestigious Capstone Programs. The goal of this program is to provide a mechanism, on a national level, that develops confident, professional surgical educators who are prepared to implement surgical curricula at teaching institutions across the United States and Canada. The program also strives to prepare participants to conduct multi-institutional research and validation of surgical education methodologies, which, in turn, will improve women’s health care. Graduates of this program will be prepared and expected to fulfill major surgical education responsibilities and positions within their medical centers.

SKILLS GAINED BY GRADUATES

Upon completion of the curriculum, it is expected that graduates will be skilled in:

• Conducting needs assessments
• Small team and one-on-one clinical instruction in low- and high-fidelity surgical settings
• Implementing patient safety techniques while teaching
• Employing surgical checklists
• Assessment of learner performance/knowledge
• Giving constructive feedback to learners
• Small team and one-on-one management and leadership skills
• Conducting surgical education research projects

CAREER TRAJECTORIES FOR GRADUATES

Graduates of the Surgical Education Scholars Program have gone on to become residency program directors, assistant/associate residency program directors, fellowship directors, directors of surgical programs, directors of surgical simulations, research mentors, research directors, surgical curriculum leads for residency programs, gynecology division directors and quality/safety officers for gynecology.

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY: APGO members in good standing.

APPLICATION SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE: The call for applications opens every other year in January with an April deadline. **The application period for the 2020-2022 cycle will open in January 2020.** Prepare the following to upload with your online application. Save all documents together as one PDF.

- A biosketch (NIH Format) detailing past educational experience;
- Completed and signed Statement of Department Chair Commitment and Support;
- A separate cover letter from your chair stating what he/she expects the value of your participation will be to your university or institution; and
- A cover letter describing your personal goals and objectives for this course (limited to two pages, double-spaced), indicating why you want to participate in this course and how you intend to use the knowledge and skills gained from this experience. (Note: This is different from the personal statement in the biosketch form.)

NOTIFICATION: An APGO selection committee comprised of Surgical Education Scholars Program chairs, faculty and other APGO leaders will review the applications. Scholars will be notified of the disposition of their applications by May 27, 2020.

START DATE: September 2020

RANKING CRITERIA: All candidates must hold membership in APGO and have a strong interest in and evidence of participation in ob-gyn education activities. It is expected that all candidates have abundant practical experience in a wide variety of ob-gyn surgical procedures and use of surgical equipment. Surgical procedures and use of surgical equipment will not be taught in this course; rather, they will be used as vehicles to demonstrate surgical education methodologies and patient safety. Preference is given to individuals who currently fulfill defined surgical administrative positions.

TUITION COST: $4,000, plus non-refundable $75 application fee

REQUIRED MEETING DATES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2020 – MARCH 2022 CYCLE

MEETING 1
Westin Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, MD
September 11-12, 2020

MEETING 2
JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country
March 2 – 6, 2021
(includes 2021 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting)

MEETING 3
George Washington University, Washington, DC
September 2021

MEETING 4 AND GRADUATION
Rosen Shingle Creek Orlando, FL
March 8 – 12, 2022
(includes 2022 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting)

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