

AUGS-SGS Group of the FPRN® FAQs

Who can participate in AUGS-SGS Group of the FPRN ® research projects?

The research network is open to all current FPMRS fellows. Research proposals are accepted for consideration from any current FPMRS fellow or resident who has successfully matched into an FPMRS fellowship program. Residents and fellows from additional subspecialties are welcome to join as adjunct sites for approved projects.

How do I submit a project for consideration?

1. go to "SGSonline.org/fprn-"
2. click "CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AUGS-SGS GROUP OF THE FPRN®"
3. scroll down to the heading "Research Proposal Submissions"
4. click "New Research Proposal Form" to download and complete the form
5. then, click "Submit New Research Proposal" (also under the Research Proposal Submissions heading)
6. you will be prompted to login to SGS, make sure you have registered as an associate member!!
7. once logged in, you will be redirected to the submission form, where you complete the necessary fields, attach your proposal, and click "Submit"

When will I hear back about my research proposal?

All submitted research proposals will be reviewed by the AUGS-SGS group of the FPRN committee for consideration within 6 weeks of submission. Projects of potential interest will be invited to provide a brief presentation at an upcoming national meeting (AUGS or SGS) for final approval. Final approval of projects will be determined by vote of the committee and current FPMRS fellows. Accepted projects will be notified and added to the list of existing approved projects.

How do I join an existing approved project?

Approved projects are listed on the FPRN page (SGSonline.org/fprn-) under the heading "Projects" and subheading "Ongoing."

Can I use the existing IRB approval of the approved project?

Yes, IRB approval will be confirmed at the home institution. The home institution's IRB materials will be available to any fellow wishing to pursue the study at their institution.

Will I receive authorship for joining a study?

The research network follows standard authorship guidelines. Therefore, any fellow or resident that substantially contributes to the project, participates in manuscript composition, approves the final version for publication and agrees to be accountable to the integrity of the work will be listed as an author. Typically, each participating site will have at least one author listed. Order of authorship is determined by the PI based on level of contribution.

Advisory Board members that serve as the project mentor and the home institution faculty mentor will be the last authors for the primary abstract and publication. The final author will be the faculty member most involved and instrumental in project development and completion.

What are the responsibilities if I join a project?

Each member of a project is expected to actively participate in the work and participate in regular group communication via conference call or other modality. Project communication will occur monthly or more frequently, depending on the demands of the project. If any member of the project team, including the PI, is unresponsive or not fulfilling their responsibility in an efficient manner, that individual may be removed from the study. Removal of an individual from a study may only proceed after presentation to and agreement of the Senior Advisory Board.

Is there funding for this research?

Limited funding is available on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the committee. Expected financial requirements will be addressed during the project submission process and accepted or amended upon approval.

What if I graduate? Am I still the primary investigator?

The fellow that submits the proposal will serve as PI until the end of his or her fellowship. Projects that are not completed prior to the graduation of the PI can be passed to a junior fellow at the same site who becomes the new PI. First authorship will go the original PI or subsequent PI at the original site who oversees the majority of the recruitment, data collection and manuscript composition. This is determined by the initial PI, subsequent PI, and the faculty mentor at the home institution.