



Virginia Chapter

Resident Global Surgery Grant Application

Purpose

The Virginia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (VA ACS) is committed to fostering leadership, service, and global engagement among surgical trainees. This grant supports Virginia-based general surgery residents who seek to participate in supervised, ethically sound global surgery experiences in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in an ACGME-accredited general surgery residency or fellowship program in Virginia.
- Current Resident Member of the VA ACS.
- Faculty sponsor who:
 - Is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS).
 - Is a member in good standing of the VA ACS.
 - Will actively support and oversee the global surgery experience
- Participation must occur in partnership with a healthcare institution in an LMIC, emphasizing sustainable, ethically responsible engagement.
- Travel must take place within 12 months of award notification.
- Awardees must submit a brief post-trip report and present their experience at the VA ACS annual meeting or contribute to a VA ACS publication or newsletter.

Award Details

- Funding Available: A total of \$1,500 is available. Up to three recipients will be selected, with available funds distributed equally among awardees.
- Application Deadline: November 15, 2026
- Notification Date: December 15, 2026
- Allowable Uses of Funds:
 - Airfare and ground transportation
 - Room and board
 - Required immunizations and travel health insurance
 - Licensing or in-country credentialing fees
 - Visa or entry costs
 - Non-durable surgical or professional supplies

- Ineligible Expenses:
 - Salaries or stipends
 - Durable equipment purchases
 - Alcohol, recreation, or entertainment
 - Expenses for non-healthcare accompanying travelers

Application Requirements

Submit the following materials as a single PDF:

- Cover Letter (1 page): Describe your interest in global surgery, goals, and how this experience will support your development.
- Program Description (1–2 pages): Include mission site details, trainee role, sustainability, and ethical considerations.
- Itemized Budget (1 page): Detail costs, VA ACS fund allocation, and any additional sources of funding.
- Letter of Support from Faculty Sponsor: Confirming FACS status, VA ACS membership, and oversight role.
- Curriculum Vitae of Applicant (2 pages max)

Selection Criteria

- Applications will be evaluated based on:
 - Clarity and feasibility of the proposed experience
 - Educational merit and alignment with global surgery best practices
 - Ethical and sustainable structure of the mission
 - Strength of faculty sponsorship
 - Appropriateness of the budget

How to Apply

Email completed applications (single PDF file) to: Susan McConnell, Chapter Administrator, smcconnell@ramdocs.org

Contact

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