

# **Aspen – SAGES Scholarship**

## **PURPOSE**

To support research concerning inflammatory bowel diseases and iron deficiency anaemia.

## **BUDGET**

The research grant value is R 100 000 per award, which must be fully accounted for by the end of the grant period.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Proposals will only be accepted from members who are in good standing with SAGES.
2. Proposals from trainees/ fellows in formal GIT fellowship posts will be given preference. In the absence of these, a proposal will be considered if the remaining eligibility criteria are fulfilled.
3. Only researchers/ basic scientists in the field of gastroenterology or hepatology are eligible.

## **SUBMISSION PROCESS**

There is no application template for this funding opportunity. All applications must be typed. Applicants' written motivation must include all the following:

1. A letter of motivation indicating the applicant's specific intended use of the award.
2. If the applicant is a trainee/ fellow in a formal GIT fellowship post a letter of support for their supervisor/ head of department
3. A formal research proposal, written by the applicant themselves and must include at least the following headings: Background/ Literature review; Aims/ Objectives; Methods; Budget, a section detailing what the applicant will do themselves in the research and where there is collaboration this must be clearly stated; References,
4. Funds will only be released once SAGES is provided with proof of Ethics approval in the name of the Scholarship applicant. If the Ethics approval was not applied for by the applicant a letter addressed to SAGES Council must be furnished by the holder of the Ethics approval clearly stating they are aware of the applicant's protocol, and that the applicant wrote the research protocol themselves and will be conducting the research themselves.
5. A copy of the applicants CV.

Please submit the application, proposal, budget and ethics committee approval to [Karin.fenton@uct.ac.za](mailto:Karin.fenton@uct.ac.za)

## **DEADLINES AND MEETING DATES**

1. Applications will be considered once a year, the submission deadline as per SAGES website.
2. The academic sub-committee which meets before the SAGES meeting will decide on the recipient based on the merits of the proposal.
3. Outcome dates: SAGES Gala Dinner

## **CONDITIONS**

1. Awards must be taken up in the first year.
2. Annual progress reports must be supplied to [Karin.fenton@uct.ac.za](mailto:Karin.fenton@uct.ac.za) one month before the start date of the annual SAGES congress.
3. The proposed research must be completed within two years of receipt of the grant.
4. Any publications emanating from such funding must acknowledge the ASPEN-SAGES Research Grant.