



Surgical Outcomes Club Michael Zinner Health Services Research Fellowship Program

The goal of the Surgical Outcomes Club (SOC) Michael Zinner Health Services Research Fellowship Program is to provide an avenue for junior surgical investigators to acquire the skills, knowledge, and network needed to develop, execute and publish research studies in the field of surgical outcomes and health services research under the guidance of high-quality experienced mentors and advisors.

Program Highlights

- One-year fellowship for trainees and junior faculty
- Up to 4 fellows accepted each year
- Fellows are matched with an established SOC member who will serve as their mentor and consultant
- Fellows will develop and execute a project under the guidance of their mentor
- The research fellowship program is of no cost to the participants

Objectives

Upon completion of the program, fellows will be able to:

- Access and review the surgical outcomes research literature
- Design an outcomes research project using appropriate methods
- Manage an outcomes research project
- Translate outcomes research into academic presentations and publications
- Establish a network of surgical outcomes research colleagues

Program Expectations

- Attend the SOC Annual Meeting and Scientific Session during the fellowship year and present your research project in a dedicated session for Zinner Fellows.
- *Meet face-to-face at least once with your mentor. Options include:
 - a. Visit your mentor's home institution.
 - b. Alternatively, if unable to schedule a visit to your mentor's home institution, meet up with mentor at ASC or another national academic meeting of mutual interest.
- Submit an abstract to a national meeting based on collaborative work with your mentor
- Prepare and submit at least one manuscript with your mentor for peer review

Who May Apply?

Members of the Surgical Outcomes Club that are interested in pursuing surgical outcomes and health services research may apply to this fellowship.

Application Process

Applicants must submit the application form along with the following:

- Current copy of your curriculum vitae
- A two-page statement of interest, including:
 - Prior and/or current activities and responsibilities in surgical outcomes research
 - Prior and/or current related coursework
 - A description of current surgical outcomes research interests
 - Potential research questions which may serve as a focus of the fellowship research project. Due to COVID-19, please consider a project that could be implemented under any circumstance.
 - Previously published and/or presented surgical outcomes research
 - Why a SOC mentor is needed
- Letter of support from department chair documenting support for attendance, required travel expense to meet program requirements, and institutional resources for the proposed research.

Proposals will be scored based on how feasible the project is to complete within a year.

Submit the application form with required documents as one .pdf to SOC Administrator, Ashley Duby, agay@umich.edu by **Friday, July 30, 2021**.

**The SOC will provide travel funds to the fellow, which should be used for travel related expenses. However, there still remains some uncertainty of travel and institution restrictions around COVID-19, and in-person meeting may vary on mentor/mentee pairing.*



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Michael Zinner Health Services Research Fellowship Application

*Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

*Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

*Phone: _____ *Email: _____

*Institution: _____ *Department: _____

*Position Title: _____

*Please check one: MD PhD Other (please specify): _____

If you have a mentor(s) in mind, that aligns with your interests, please provide the Board with at least two suggestions:

*How many first author manuscripts have you published? _____

The following must accompany your application:

- A current copy of your curriculum vitae
- A two-page statement of interest in surgical outcomes research, which includes:
 - Prior and/or current activities/responsibilities in surgical outcomes research
 - Prior and/or current related coursework
 - Potential research questions which may serve as a focus of the fellowship research project. Due to COVID-19, please consider a project that could be implemented under any circumstance.
 - A description of current research interests in surgical outcomes and potential research questions which may serve as a focus of the fellowship research project
 - Previously published and/or presented surgical outcomes research, if any
 - Why a SOC mentor is needed
- Letter of support from department chair

E-mail completed applications as one PDF to SOC Administrator, Ashley Duby, agay@umich.edu

Deadline: Friday, July 30, 2021. Applications not meeting these requirements will not be considered. For more information, please visit the Surgical Outcomes Club website:

www.surgicaloutcomesclub.com