GRANT AVAILABILITY
The Abdominal Core Health Quality Collaborative will be awarding one grant of $2,500 to a qualified and approved applicant for research related to ventral and inguinal hernias using the ACHQC database. All residents, fellows, and medical students with a surgeon mentor in the ACHQC that is in ‘Good Standing’ are welcome to apply.

GRANT GUIDELINES
The grant award is based on the scientific merit of the project as well as the investigator’s capacity and the likelihood that the project will be completed successfully. Considerations will include the investigator’s experience, background, and availability of other resources. In addition, it is expected that the results of the research will be presented at the 2024 ACHQC Quality Improvement Summit. Any publication arising from research supported by this grant must have notation describing and recognizing the funding source, Abdominal Core Health Quality Collaborative (ACHQC). Award money may be used for direct expenses incurred during the analysis, preparation, and presentation of the research, including travel expenses to the ACHQC Quality Improvement Summit in 2024.

APPLICATION & INSTRUCTIONS
The ACHQC Resident & Fellow Research Grant is open to all residents, fellows, and medical students with a surgeon mentor in the ACHQC that is in ‘Good Standing’ (minimum of 25 surgical cases with 30 day follow up within the last 12 months). The grant is conferred on a competitive basis by submission of a grant application this is reviewed and evaluated by the ACHQC Resident & Fellow Research Grant Review Committee.

APPLICATION CRITERIA
Grant applications must include ALL of the following:

• **Title of Project**
• **Abstract** – maximum of 250 words, structured
• **Principal Investigator** – Must be a resident, fellow, or medical student with a surgeon mentor in the ACHQC. Surgeon mentor must be in ‘Good Standing’ by having entered a minimum of 25 surgical cases with 30 day follow up within the last 12 months. Include: Resident/fellow/medical student name, title, institutional affiliation, surgeon mentor and contact information, including email, for surgeon and resident/fellow/medical student
• **Research Plan** – Maximum of 3 pages, single spaced. Minimum of 1” margins, 11pt font. Include: Specific aims, background and significance, preliminary data or studies, study design and methods, data analysis, limitations and alternatives as well as references
• **Strategy or Potential to Expand the Project in the Future** – maximum of 25 words
• **CV for Principal Investigator**

TIMELINE
**Application Deadline:** February 1, 2023
Review completed by Committee: February 21, 2023
Notification of grant determination: March 1, 2023
Presentation of research findings: 2024 ACHQC Quality Improvement Summit

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION
Applications can be submitted [HERE](#)

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