



FOUNDATION FOR SURGICAL FELLOWSHIPS

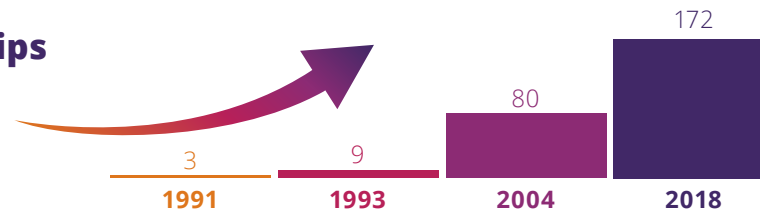
2017-2018 **Annual Report**

Letter From the President

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

In the early days of fellowships there were a just handful arranged through a conversation and a handshake. In a few short years the number of programs grew exponentially and the Fellowship Council (FC) emerged as the accrediting body in response to the need for a universal application and matching process. All the while, programs were supported almost exclusively by industry. With the advent of the Sunshine Act there arose a need for a third party funder of fellowships and the FSF was borne of that need.

Number of Fellowships in Existence by Year



What I have found in recent months is that there is confusion in the surgical community about the roles and working relationships of the Fellowship Council (FC), the FSF and the Sponsoring Societies of the FC. What has also come to light is a fairly strong consensus among industry in the intrinsic value of this advanced training, but also a need for hard data to illustrate the actual outcomes.

This year's annual report is aimed at bringing clarity where this is confusion while highlighting the work of the Foundation. I also want to share with you some exciting new developments that begin to bridge the gap between anecdotal evidence and scientific conclusions. At the core of our work is the fellowship experience and I am proud to share some highlights from the most recent graduating class of fellows.

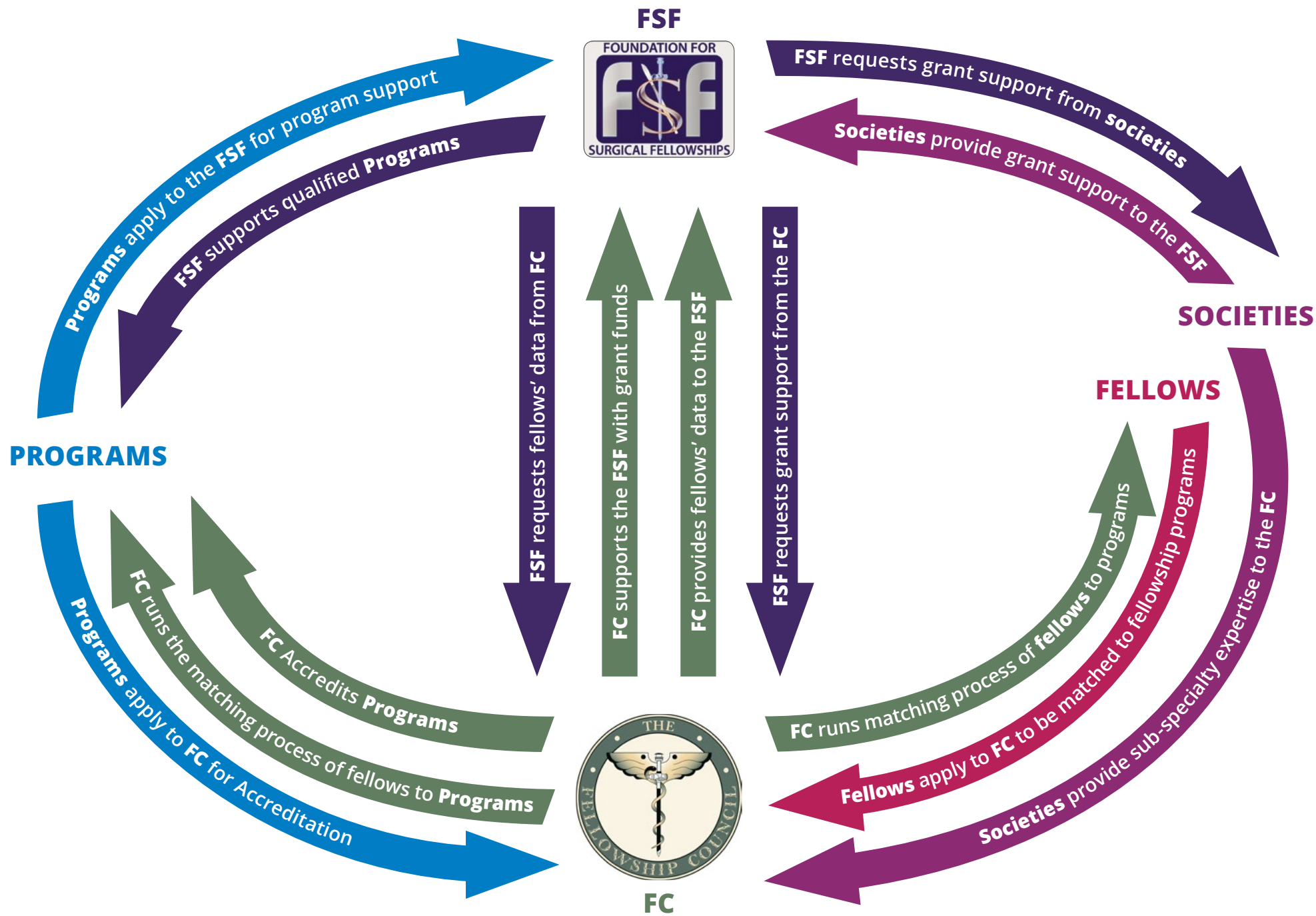
Thank you for helping the Foundation for Surgical Fellowships to continue to advance surgical care through advanced training.

Sincerely,
Mark Talamini, MD, MBA, President, Foundation for Surgical Fellowships

FELLOWSHIP
Awards Advanced MIS
Colorectal Innovation
Program directors
Institution Demand
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Bariatric LEADERSHIP
Accreditation Robotic
Advanced training Thoracic
GENERAL SURGERY Association
Education Application
Patient care



MARK TALAMINI, MD, MBA





Foundation for Surgical Fellowships

FOUNDED 2010

- Funds programs, not individual fellows
- Executes a blinded review process
- Awards programs based on amount of funds available for disbursement

MISSION: The mission of the Foundation for Surgical Fellowships (FSF) is to provide essential financial support for sustaining advanced general surgery fellowships not funded by the ACGME.



Fellowship Council

FOUNDED 1997

- Accredits general surgery fellowship programs
- Runs the match process of fellows to programs
- Members are fellowship programs

MISSION: The Fellowship Council is an association of program directors and specialty societies charged with oversight of fellowship training programs in order to uphold uniformly high standards and produce well trained surgeons.

FSF & FC PARTNERSHIP

- FC provides various data to the FC which helps illustrate the impact of fellowship training
- FC supports the FSF with grant funds
- FC advocates for financial support of the FSF among its constituents
- **NEW THIS YEAR** – The FC provided the FSF a report on practice pattern data, which helped demonstrate the impact of fellowship training



Heidi Holmes of Applied Medical chats with a fellow

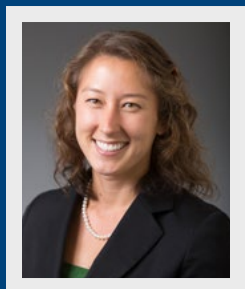
Sponsoring Societies of the Fellowship Council

The societies which participate in the FC are referred to as Sponsoring Societies. Their representatives provide expertise on fellowship program requirements and curriculum.

The Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA)	FOUNDED 1994
Americas Hernia Society (AHS)	FOUNDED 1997
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS)	FOUNDED 1899
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS)	FOUNDED 1983
Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT)	FOUNDED 1960
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)	FOUNDED 1980

FSF & SOCIETY PARTNERSHIP

- Sponsoring Societies of the FC support the FSF with grant funds
- Society leaders advocate for support of the FSF among their members



"My goal in pursuing MIS fellowship was to feel confident practicing at a tertiary referral center with complex patients and have the skills to perform difficult, revisional cases in a way that was safest for my patients. I will be joining an academic group focusing on bariatric and benign foregut surgery, and I can say that I believe my goal has been achieved. I have also had the opportunity to be involved in more book chapters and research projects and am excited to start an academic career of my own."

– JESSICA KOLLER GORHAM, MD



Former fellow Dr. Laura Fischer speaking about her fellowship experience at the FSF annual reception

2017-2018 Quick Facts

Total Number of Individual Institutions that applied: **99**

Total Number of Applications: **118**

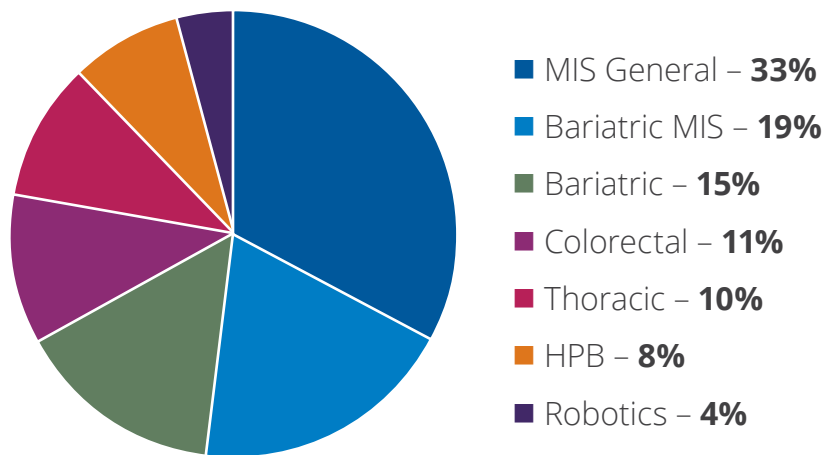
Total Fellowship positions applied for: **157**

Total Fellowship positions awarded: **127**

Total amount awarded: **\$2,540,000**

Average Award: **\$20,000**

Allocation by sub-specialty:



"It has taught the vast breadth and depth of colon and rectal surgery. I will bring these new found skills back to my community in a system currently without a colon and rectal surgeon. It has made me much more confident as a surgeon."

– GREGORY QUATRINO, MD



"I have learned a lot about bariatric surgery, which I had no exposure to before. I have also developed more advanced laparoscopic and robotic skills. Personally, I think it has helped me become more confident and a better leader."

– SARAH MARKHAM, MD

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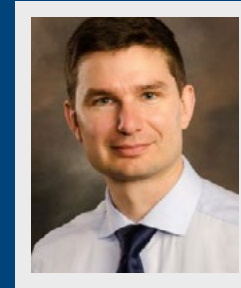
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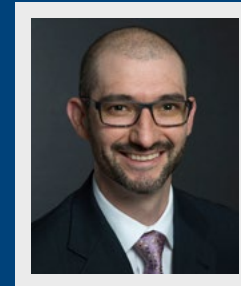
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"Fellowship directors were the best mentors I have ever had. I experienced more growth in 1 year of fellowship than 5 years of residency."
– ANDREW LOVEITT, MD



"Obviously my surgical skills were greatly impacted, but my reasoning of how to approach complex cases and being able to see the patient as a whole, not only as a problem or disease. Based on this expanded view I learned how to make the best recommendation for the patient's well being."
– SERGIO TOLEDO VALDOVINOS, MD

Societal Supporters of the FSF

The Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA)

American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS)

Fellowship Council

Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)

SAGES Foundation (SERF)

Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT)



Fellows celebrate at the FSF Annual Reception

FSF Individual Donors 2017

AS OF DEC. 31, 2017

Robin Blackstone, MD

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Fellowship Programs Awarded

FOR 2017-2018 FELLOWSHIP YEAR

BARIATRIC SURGERY

Abington Memorial Hospital

Dr. Gintaras Antanavicius

Beth Israel Medical Center

Dr. Benjamin Schneider

Carolinas Medical Center

Dr. Timothy Kuwada

Cleveland Clinic

Dr. Stacy Brethauer

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

Dr. Michael Schweitzer

Lahey Hospital and Medical Center

Dr. Dmitry Nepomnashy

Orlando Health

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Penn State Hershey Medical Center

Dr. Randy Haluck

St Luke's University Hospital

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University Hospitals Case Medical Center

Dr. Leena Khaitan

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Dr. Peter Nau

University of Missouri

Dr. Roger De La Torre

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Dr. Anita Courcoulas

University of South Florida

Dr. Michel Murr

University of Texas HSC Houston – MIST San Antonio

Dr. Frank Duperier

University Medical Centers of Princeton at Plainsboro

Dr. Wai Yip Chau

Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center

Dr. Titus Duncan

BARIATRIC/MIS SURGERY

Albany Medical Center

Dr. Tejinder Paul Singh

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center

Dr. Ajay Upadhyay

Brigham & Women's Hospital

Dr. Ali Tavakkoli

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Dr. Miguel Burch

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center

Dr. Paul Severson

Duke University Medical Center

Dr. Dana Portenier

Geisinger Medical Center

Dr. Anthony Petrick

Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation

Dr. Shanu Kothari

Hackensack University Medical Center

Dr. Douglas Ewing

Indiana University

Dr. Don Selzer

Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. David Rattner

Montefiore Medical Center

Dr. Diego Camacho

Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

Dr. Bradley Needleman

University of California Davis

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Dr. John Kelly

University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Dr. Erik Wilson

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Daniel Scott

Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Dr. Brandon Williams

Wake Forest University Health Sciences

Dr. Carl Westcott

Yale School of Medicine

Dr. Kurt Roberts

COLORECTAL SURGERY

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital

Dr. Slawomir Marecik

Cleveland Clinic Florida

Dr. Steven Wexner

Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando / Orlando Health

Dr. Joseph Gallagher

Franciscan St. Francis Health

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Dr. John Marks

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Carolinas Medical Center

Dr. David Iannitti

Cleveland Clinic

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Duke University

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Medical College of Wisconsin

Dr. Kathleen Christians

THORACIC SURGERY

Brigham & Women's Hospital

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Duke University

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Fox Chase Cancer Center

Dr. Stacey Su

Providence Portland Medical Center

Dr. Lee Swanstrom

Mayo Clinic Arizona

Dr. Tonia Young-Fadok

North Shore University Hospital

Dr. John Procaccino

Swedish Medical Center

Dr. Amir Bastawrous

University of South Florida

Dr. Jorge Marcet

University of Tennessee College of Medicine

Dr. Daniel Stanley

University of Texas Medical School at Houston

Dr. Eric Haas

Methodist Dallas Medical Center

Dr. D. Rohan Jeyarajah

Providence Portland Medical Center

Dr. Paul Hansen

Stanford University

Dr. Brendan Visser

University of Louisville/James Graham Brown Cancer Center

Dr. Robert Martin

Virginia Mason Medical Center

Dr. Adnan Alseidi

Stanford University

Dr. Joseph Shrager

Swedish Medical Center

Dr. Ralph Aye

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Dr. James Luketich

MIS GENERAL SURGERY

Anne Arundel Medical Center

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Baystate Medical Center

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Carolinas Medical Center

Dr. B. Todd Heniford

Cleveland Clinic

Dr. Matthew Kroh

Cleveland Clinic Florida

Dr. Samuel Szomstein

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

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Emory University Hospital

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George Washington University Medical Center

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Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center

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