



APGO Surgical Education Scholars Program

Affirmation of Support from Department Chair
for participation in the

2020 – 2022 APGO Surgical Education Scholars Program

I attest, with my signature, that _____ is a faculty member in good standing in my department whose interests and talents lead me to believe that he/she would be an excellent individual to be engaged in the APGO Surgical Education Scholars Program.

Accepted scholars will be asked to identify a mentor at his/her home institution to serve as guide and advocate for his/her surgical education research project. **It is critical that the home mentor is available to meet regularly with the scholar.** The home mentor will be asked to sign a similar commitment form at that time. I will offer guidance and support in the selection of the home mentor.

I agree to:

- 1) **Approve all required leave for scholar to fully attend all SES in-person meetings, the required 2021 and 2022 CREOG & APGO Annual Meetings, his/her research presentation and graduation;**
- 2) Support this faculty member throughout the 18-month curriculum with respect to individual projects and local assignments;
- 3) Encourage the support of other faculty and personnel at our institution to participate in such projects and facilitate support where necessary;
- 4) Pay from department funds the sum of \$4,000 tuition in advance of the course;
- 5) Provide the expenses (travel, air, hotel and applicable conference registration fees) for this faculty member to fully attend all meetings:

- Meeting 1:** September 11-12, 2020
Westin Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, MD
- Meeting 2:** March 2-6, 2021, includes the 2021 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting
JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country, San Antonio, TX
- Meeting 3:** September 2021 (Dates to be confirmed by September 2020)
George Washington University, Washington, DC
- Meeting 4:** March 8 – 12, 2022, includes the 2022 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting and Graduation
Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL

SES scholars are expected to maintain an **active APGO individual membership** for the duration of the program. In addition to the many benefits APGO offers, it makes them eligible for member pricing for the required CREOG & APGO Annual Meetings. The APGO membership year runs July 1 – June 30.

I also pledge that, upon completion of this curriculum, this faculty member will be provided responsibilities commensurate with the knowledge and skills learned from this curriculum. Further, fulfillment of these responsibilities will provide important evidence with respect to academic promotion and securement of tenure, if applicable, at the appropriate time.

I have reviewed the information concerning the APGO Surgical Education Scholars Program with this candidate, who is a member in good standing of APGO. By signing this statement, I pledge my support to his/her involvement in this program.

Candidate's Name (typed or printed)

Chair's Name (Typed or printed)

Candidate's Signature

Chair's Signature

Chair's Email

Scan this signed form to APGO with application documents.