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Principal Investigator Information

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Degree (select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MD | <input type="checkbox"/> PhD | <input type="checkbox"/> MBBS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DO | <input type="checkbox"/> DVM | <input type="checkbox"/> MBBS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MBChB | <input type="checkbox"/> MA | <input type="checkbox"/> MAS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MBA | <input type="checkbox"/> MHS | <input type="checkbox"/> MPH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MS | <input type="checkbox"/> MSHS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

ORCID ID

Insert your ORCID iD as a full https URL. For example, the iD 1234-5678-9123-4567 is entered as:

- <https://orcid.org/1234-5678-9123-4567>

ORCID iDs are unique identifiers for managing research outputs that have a digital object identifier (DOI) associated with them (e.g., publications, software). They allow you to create a centralized location for listing all of your research outputs and ensuring you receive credit for your work. Funders and journals, including AGA and NIH, are requiring applicants to have an ORCID iD to facilitate tracking of research outputs. If you do not already have an ORCID iD, you can create one in minutes on the [ORCID website](#).

Email Address

List an email address you check regularly and that will remain active over the duration of the award. AGA may contact you regarding the status of your application or to request additional information.

Completion Date of Terminal Training or Degree

Indicate the month and year that you completed, or will complete, your clinical training or received your terminal degree. If you have completed multiple fellowships or advanced degrees, report the date for the training/degree completed most recently.

Month

Year

Current Position/Title

Will you have a new position/title before the start date of this award?

Yes

No

Current Institution

Institutional Address Line 1

Institutional Address Line 2

Institutional Address Line 3

City

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Sex

Ethnicity

Latinx or Hispanic origin

Not Latinx or Hispanic origin

I do not wish to identify my ethnicity

Race

Native American or Alaskan

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

White

Other (please specify)

I do not wish to identify my race

Principal Investigator Disclosure Statement

Applicants must disclose any arrangements or relationships relevant to the submitted proposal. These may include arrangements or relationships with:

- A company whose product is featured prominently in the submitted proposal.
- A company making a competing product to one that is featured prominently in the submitted proposal.
- Any organization or entity connected to this funding opportunity (e.g., as noted in the award title or funding acknowledgments).

Select 

Principal Investigator Disclosure Certification

I, the undersigned, certify that I have disclosed all relevant arrangements and relationships that are relevant to this proposal. I understand that failure to disclose relevant arrangements and relationships may result in the immediate termination of my eligibility and/or forfeiture of AGA award funds. By typing my name in the field below, I acknowledge that I agree with the above statements.

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1. Type of Research

Select the category that best describes your proposed research.

- **Translational Research:** Research focused on turning observations from the laboratory, clinic, and/or community into interventions that improve diagnostics and therapeutics. This category can involve human biospecimens or human data as resources for laboratory- or informatics-based investigation, or pre-clinical in vivo models provided they directly test human disease-relevant biology.
- **Clinical Research:** Research involving direct contact with human subjects or using clinical data to address problems related to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or outcome of human diseases (e.g., clinical epidemiology). This category also includes research related to health care delivery (e.g., health services, health IT).

Translational

Clinical

2. Area of Research

Select the category that best describes your proposal's area of study.

Select 

3. Project Title

4. Abstract

Provide a summary of the proposed project in 250 words or less.

Word count: 0 / 250

5. Digestive Health Relevance Statement

Describe the relevance of this research to human digestive health in 100 words or less. Investigators should describe how, in the short or long term, the proposed research would contribute fundamental knowledge and/or application of that knowledge to enhance digestive health or to reduce illness and disability among patients with digestive disorders.

Word count: 0 / 100

Study Population

Describe and justify your study population in 200 words or less. As appropriate based on the type of investigation, include:

- Plans for including sex as a biological variable.
- The age, sex, racial and ethnic demographics of human subjects. For studeies involving human data or biospecimens, include demographics of the source population.
- The rationale for selecting a specific model system and lines thereof (for example, cell, organoid, or mouse lines).

Word count: 0 / 200

6. Clinical Guideline(s) Relevance

If your project addresses any evidence gaps highlighted in an [AGA clinical guideline or clinical practice update](#), please cite the guidance document and briefly summarize those aspects of the investigation in your statement. You may use up to 150 words for this summary. Note that project relevance to clinical guidance evidence gaps is not used in the evaluation of applications.

Please leave blank if not applicable.

Word count: 0 / 200

8. Keywords

Provide one to five keywords that best describe the proposed research. Separate keywords with commas.

Word count: 0 / 10

9. Current Percent Effort

What is your current total percent effort dedicated to research?

10. Percent Effort on the Proposed Project

What percent effort will you dedicate to this project if you receive funding from AGA?

11. Institutional Review

Indicate if your project requires IRB/IACUC approval.

Note that recipients must provide institutional approval(s) from the appropriate committee(s) for use of human subjects or animals, or if approval is not necessary, documentation from the appropriate regulatory committee before funding is distributed.

- IACUC
- IRB
- Not Applicable

12. Other Personnel Involved in the Research

List individuals other than the principal investigator (i.e., applicant) who are involved in the project (e.g., collaborators and other key personnel), their degrees/credentials and institution, email, and a brief description of their specific role within the project (2-3 sentences). You may include up to six (6) key personnel in the table; if you need to list additional personnel, please upload a PDF listing those individuals below (12.a).

Mentors do not need to be included here; their information is provided on the next page.

Note: Biosketches of key collaborators and personnel must be uploaded in the final section of this application (*Required Uploads*).

Personnel	Action
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No Personnel have been added. Click on Add Individual below.

Add Individual

12.a. Additional Other Personnel

Should you need to report collaborators or other key personnel involved in the project beyond the limits of the table, upload a PDF listing their names, degrees/credentials, institutions, emails, and brief descriptions of their specific roles.

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Mentor's Information

Investigators applying for a Fellowship-to-Faculty Transition Award are required to have a scientific mentor who supervises their research activities.

A NIH biographical sketch is required for the mentor, along with a letter of recommendation that outlines how the mentor will contribute to the investigator's research career development during the award period. Specific details to include in the letter of support are outlined in the *Required Uploads* section of the application.

Mentor Search

In the *Mentor's Name* field, search for your mentor using their last name. If required to reduce the number of results, enter their first name without any punctuation (e.g., "Fauci Anthony"). Select their name from the dropdown listing and check that their full name and institutional affiliation is accurate.

Please note that the search query may take several seconds to return results.

Please contact AGA (awards@gastro.org) if you are unable to find your mentor using the search.

Mentor's Name

Institution / Affiliation

Mentor's Degree(s)

Separate each additional degree with a comma.

Mentor's Position/Title

Does the mentor work at the same institution as the applicant?

Yes, applicant and mentor work at the same institution.

No, mentor works at a different institution.

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Instructions for Applicants

You must upload all documents below as PDF files. Individual files may not exceed 25 MB. Clearly mark each document with a section header at the top of the first page (e.g., LastName_ResearchPlan).

Follow the page limits and formatting guidelines provided in the Application Questions section of [AGA's Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Applications missing any of the required documents will automatically become ineligible for review.

1. Specific Aims

The specific aims section is limited to one page.

No file chosen

2. Research Plan

The research plan is limited to four pages and should include three distinct sections:

- Significance.
- Innovation.
- Approach (including any relevant preliminary data).

The research plan should include sufficient information to evaluate the proposed project independent of any other documents submitted with the application.

No file chosen

3. References

There is no page limit for the list of references. Use the [formatting style](#) of the AGA journal *Gastroenterology*.

No file chosen

4. Budget

Use the [AGA budget template](#). There is a tab in the template for each year of the two-year award. You **must** submit a budget for each year and please confirm all years are included after converting the worksheet to a PDF. Adhere to the guidelines noted below on allowable and unallowable costs.

The following expenses are allowable:

- Salary and benefits of the principal investigator (i.e., applicant).
- Salary and benefits of research assistants, laboratory technicians or other key personnel.
- Biostatistics, informatics, core facilities or other support necessary for the proposed research.
- Supplies, animals or other materials necessary for the proposed research.
- Equipment, not to exceed \$5,000 per year.

The following expenses are **not** allowable:

- Travel.
- Salary, benefits or other support for the mentor.
- Indirect costs.

For questions related to allowable and unallowable costs, please email awards@gastro.org.

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5. Budget Justification Narrative

There is no page limit for the budget justification.

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6. Research Facilities and Resources

Using the [AGA Facilities and Resources template](#), describe existing institutional facilities and resources that will be leveraged to support the proposed project. There is no page limit.

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7. PI Career Development Plan

Investigators must have a career development plan. There is a **two-page** limit and you must follow the formatting guidelines provided in the Application Questions section of [AGA's Frequently Asked Questions](#).

The career development plan should address:

1. Career goals and objectives.

- Describe your short- and long-term career goals.
- Justify the need for the AGA Fellowship-to-Faculty Transition Award by describing how it will enable you to develop and/or expand your research career.
- Provide a timeline that includes plans to apply for a permanent faculty position and subsequent career development funding.

2. Plan for career development/training activities during the award period.

- Describe the new or enhanced research skills and knowledge you will acquire as a result of the proposed award.
- Describe all structured activities that are a part of the developmental plan, such as coursework or workshops that will help you learn new techniques or develop needed professional skills.
- If coursework is included, provide course numbers (if available), descriptive titles, and the accrediting institution.
- For each activity, other than research, explain how it relates to the proposed research and to the career development plan. Include the percentage of time dedicated to each activity by year.

For additional guidance, please refer to NIH guideline [PHS 398 Career Development Award, Section 2, Candidate Information and Goals for Career Development](#).

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8. PI Biographical Sketch

Use the [NIH Biographical Sketch](#) template. The biosketch is limited to five pages. Find additional details and sample biosketches on the [NIH Grants & Funding website](#).

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9. Other Biographical Sketches

This section is for the biosketches of the mentor and all key collaborators and personnel listed in the application.

Use the [NIH Biographical Sketch](#) format. Each biosketch is limited to five pages. All biosketches (excluding the PI's) should be combined into a single PDF for upload.

Note: In their Personal Statement section, the mentor must describe their relationship with the PI and their role in the proposed project.

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10. Mentor's Letter of Support

This section is for the letter of support from the PI's mentor. The mentor must provide a single letter limited to two pages. The letter must outline the mentor's role and willingness to participate in the project, and explain how they will contribute to the development of the PI's research career and transition to a faculty position. This letter must include:

- The nature and extent of supervision and mentoring of the PI, and commitment to the PI's development that will occur during the award period.
- A plan to transition the PI from the training stage of their career to the early-career faculty stage by the end of the award period. Define what aspects of the proposed research project the PI will be allowed to take with him/her to start their own research program.
- Discuss expectations for publications, presentations and other developmental activities over the entire period of the proposed project.
- The PI's other institutional commitments, such as their anticipated teaching load during the award period, clinical responsibilities, committee and administrative assignments. Confirm the level of effort (as a percentage or in calendar months) that the PI will dedicate to research.
- Describe the mentor's previous experience as a mentor, including the type of mentoring (e.g., graduate students, career development awardees, clinical fellows, postdoctoral fellows), number of persons mentored, and career outcomes.

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11. Division/Department Letter of Support

This section is for the letter of institutional support from the PI's sponsor (typically a division chief or department chair). The letter must not exceed one page and must verify that:

- The award will be used to provide the PI with protected time for research.
- The institution will provide adequate laboratory space and/or other supporting facilities.
- The institution and the PI will adhere to the terms of the award, including timely and accurate reporting of the awardee's research activities following AGA's progress and financial reporting requirements.

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12. Additional Letter(s) of Support

Investigators may also submit additional letters of support, for example, to verify commitments from key collaborators. Each letter is limited to one page. If submitting multiple additional letters of support, combine them all into one PDF for upload.

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13. Eligibility Exemption

If you received an eligibility exemption from AGA, upload the exemption letter.

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