Junior Fellow Membership
Benefits and Educational Opportunities
Junior Fellow membership in The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) offers residents and young physicians a strong and persuasive voice in the future of obstetrics and gynecology.

Junior Fellow membership offers numerous activities and educational opportunities that enrich personal learning and professional development. All Junior Fellow members receive a broad selection of educational resources and other important benefits at no cost through their membership.

A Junior Fellow applicant must be an Ob/Gyn resident or a recent graduate of an approved program (US & Canada). Junior Fellowship is also available to residents in the Central America, Mexico, and the West Indies Sections. Board eligible allopathic physicians may apply until board certified, then one must apply for Fellowship within one year.

This Junior Fellow Membership brochure was developed under the direction of the Junior Fellow Congress Advisory Council (JFCAC). For additional information contact:

The Department of Junior Fellow Services
409 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20024
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www.acog.org

ACOG Website – www.acog.org
The ACOG website provides a special Junior Fellow page, as well as links to awards and grants, publications and educational materials, upcoming meetings, practice opportunities, and important exam deadlines.

ACOG Resource Center
All ACOG members receive ACOG Resource Center privileges, which include bibliographic searches of medical literature and publication queries for additional material.

"Obstetrics & Gynecology"
Also known as the "Green Journal," Obstetrics & Gynecology is ACOG’s official medical journal.

ACOG Clinical Review
The bi-monthly newsletter offers synopses of the latest developments in obstetrics, gynecology, oncology and infertility and also provides a yearly review of the annual Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology certification examination.

ACOG Today
This publication features timely information on programs and the most current issues in the specialty.

Higher Education Loan Program (HELP)
This low-interest loan program assists residents and Junior Fellows in subspecialty fellowships. The maximum loan amount is $10,000 at 4.5% per annum. Monthly installments begin one year after residency completion or fellowship training. Loan application deadlines are March 1 and October 1.

Low-cost Insurance Plans
The group insurance plans offer a wide variety of coverage including life, accidental death and dismemberment, practice overhead, major hospital, excess major medical, catastrophic medical expense, disability income and employee disability. In their fourth year of residency ACOG members receive a $100,000 life insurance policy at no additional cost. All members receive Identify Theft Fraud Expense Coverage. For additional information, please contact the plan administrator at 1-800-214-8122.
ACOG Career Connection, a Member of HealtheCareers Network

A physician network database providing job opportunities targeted specifically to obstetrics and gynecology.

Publications

Many publications are available to members through ACOG including Guidelines for Seeking Practice Opportunities in Obstetrics and Gynecology; Business of Medicine Primer; Guidelines for Resident Support during a Lawsuit; Committee Opinions; Educational and Technical Bulletins; Practice Bulletins; Policy Statements; Technology Assessments, and Clinical Updates in Women’s Health Care.

Membership Benefits

Junior Fellow Activities

Officer Positions

ACOG is composed of 10 geographic districts and the Armed Forces District which are broken down into 89 sections, each of which has Junior Fellow officer representation.

Section: The Vice Chair serves the first year as Chair-Elect, before automatically ascending to Chair at the beginning of the second year.

District: The Vice Chair has a three year commitment, with one year serving as Vice Chair (Chair-Elect), Chair, and Past Chair. The Secretary-Treasurer is elected to a one-year term.

National: On the national level, the Junior Fellow Congress Advisory Council Vice Chair has a three year commitment, with one year serving as National Vice Chair (Chair-Elect), Chair, and Past Chair.

Officer Advisory Councils

The following leadership positions are available within the Section, District and National Officer Advisory Councils:

Section

- The Vice Chair has a two-year commitment, with one year serving as Vice Chair (Chair-Elect) and the second year as Chair.

District

- The Junior Fellow District Chair and Vice Chair are usually members, and may or may not have voting privileges, while the Junior Fellow Past District Chair and Secretary/Treasurer may be ex-officio members. Meetings occur semi-annually.
- The District Junior Fellow Advisory Council is comprised of District officers, Section Chairs and Section Vice Chairs. The council meetings occur semi-annually, and the Junior Fellow business meeting occurs annually.

For more information on leadership opportunities, visit www.acog.org and click on Junior Fellows under QUICK LINKS.
Junior Fellow Activities

National

- District Junior Fellow Chairs and Vice Chairs are members of the National JFCAC. District Junior Fellow Chairs are eligible for election to the JFCAC Vice Chair (Chair-elect) position, from which progression to JFCAC Chair and JFCAC Past Chair occurs. All three of these positions have one-year terms.

- JFCAC meetings occur semi-annually. The JFCAC Chair and Vice Chair attend ACOG Executive Board meetings and retreats.

- The JFCAC Chair serves as a voting member of the Executive Board, and the Vice Chair and Past Chair represent the JFCAC at various Annual District Meetings (ADMs).

Meetings

Annual Clinical Meeting (ACM)
The ACM features clinical discussions, postgraduate courses, poster sessions and many Junior Fellow activities and events.

- ACM Scientific Program
  Scientific papers are submitted for ACM presentation through ADM competitions. Junior Fellows may also independently submit research papers/abstracts/posters/videos for ACM scientific session consideration.

- Stump the Professor Session
  Junior Fellows are encouraged to submit interesting or unusual cases for the annual “Stump the Professor” (STP) session at the ACM. Four cases are chosen for presentation each year.

Annual District Meeting (ADM)
The joint meetings between the Junior Fellows and the Fellows include Junior Fellow Advisory Council meetings, Business meetings, special programs and research paper presentations for awards.

ACOG Annual Congressional Leadership Conference in Washington, DC
By selection through their District or Section, Junior Fellows are eligible to attend this annual government relations effort to educate Fellows and Junior Fellows about the national legislative process. Attendees will visit Congressional leaders on “The Hill.”

ACOG Committee Appointments
Junior Fellows are eligible for appointment to most National ACOG committees. Each committee has one or two Junior Fellow members. The nominations for committee appointments are made each year through the District and Junior Fellow District Advisory Councils and by self-nomination. The ACOG President-Elect makes final selections.

Liaison Activities
Interested and qualified Junior Fellows may be appointed as JFCAC liaison representatives to the AMA, CREOG, the RRC for Ob/Gyn, etc., and have ex-officio JFCAC membership status. There are opportunities for Junior Fellows in training to serve in “key contact” roles.
Educational Opportunities and Awards
The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

John Burch Endowment Fund
ACM Travel Award
Sponsored by the ACOG Executive Board, District Advisory Councils decide which Junior Fellow resident from its District will receive a monetary award to help defray the expense of attending the ACM. Each District Advisory Council determines the selection criteria.

Junior Fellow Contests
All Junior Fellows are eligible to participate in various Junior Fellow Contests, with the goals of promoting a positive perception of our specialty, and generating interest among medical students. Monetary awards and an expense-paid trip to the ACOG Annual Clinical Meeting (ACM) are among the prizes.

Donald F. Richardson Memorial Prize Paper Awards
Annually, each District may submit one Junior Fellow paper selected from presentation at its ADM. Two are selected for national awards of $1,000 each, plus $750 for travel expenses to attend the ACM.

Postgraduate Courses and Meetings
Junior Fellows in Training receive a reduced fee for these courses and meetings.

Program for Continuing Professional Development
This is a voluntary program designed to maintain CME credits and assist participants in meeting individual state requirements.

JSOG/ACOG Exchange Program
Each year, selected Districts send a 3rd or 4th year resident to attend the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (JSOG) meeting held in Japan.

Abbott Nutrition Research Award on Nutrition in Pregnancy
This $26,000 award is intended to provide seed grant funds to a College Junior Fellow or Fellow to perform research in the area of nutrition in pregnancy with a special interest in the areas of obesity, diabetes and women over the age of 35.

Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Research Award in Contraceptive Counseling
The $26,000 award provides seed grant funds to College Junior Fellow or Fellow for clinical research in the area of contraceptive counseling.

Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Research Award in Long Term Contraception
The $26,000 award provides seed grant funds to College Junior Fellow or Fellow for clinical research in the area of non-daily contraception.

Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Research Award on Female Sexual Dysfunction
This $10,000 award was established to provide funds to a College Junior Fellow or Fellow to support research in the area of female sexual dysfunction.

Ferring Pharmaceuticals Inc. Research Award on Menstrual Bleeding Disorders
This $16,000 award has been established to provide seed grant funds to advance knowledge in the field of obstetrics and gynecology through encouraging basic clinical research on issues related to menstrual bleeding disorders.
Kenneth Gottesfeld-Charles Hohler Memorial Foundation
Research Award in Ultrasound
This award is intended to provide College Junior Fellows or Fellows with grant funds to support research or advanced training that is ultrasound specific and dedicated to a practical clinical use in a new or unique approach. One grant of $11,000, or two grants of $5,500, will be provided annually at the discretion of the review committee.

Hologic Research Award on Cervical Cancer Prevention
This $26,000 award has been established to support research directed toward the development of enhanced methods for the evaluation of HPV infection in conjunction with cervical disease detection.

Hologic Research Award on In-Office Gynecologic Surgical Procedures
This $26,000 award has been established to provide support to a College Junior Fellow or Fellow to perform research in the area of in-office gynecologic surgical procedures.

Hologic Research Award on Preterm Birth
This $26,000 award has been established to provide support to a College Junior Fellow or Fellow to perform research in the area of the prevention of preterm birth.

Merck and Company Research Award on Adolescent Health Preventive Services
This $16,000 research grant has been established to provide a College Junior Fellow or Fellow with the opportunity to advance knowledge on issues related to prevention in adolescent health.

Merck and Company Research Award on Immunization
This $16,000 grant has been established to provide a College Junior Fellow or Fellow with the opportunity to perform research to advance knowledge on issues related to immunization in the ob-gyn practice.

Pharmavite, LLC Research Award in Menopause
This $17,000 award is intended to provide seed grant funds for a College Junior Fellow or Fellow to advance knowledge in the field of obstetrics and gynecology through encouraging basic clinical research on issues related to complementary methods in treating the symptoms of menopause.

Warren H. Pearse/Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Women’s Health Policy Research Award
This $10,000 award is intended to provide grant funds to a College Junior Fellow or Fellow to perform research in the area of health care policy.

Additional information and details about all the awards can be found on the member side of the College’s website, www.acog.org, under the heading Education, then Research Fellowships and Awards.

• To receive a membership application, contact ACOG Membership Services at 1-800-673-8444 ext. 2404 or visit www.acog.org/membership.