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| **Virginia Gastroenterological Society Announces Community Education Grant**  *Sponsoring World Class Learning on a Local Level* |
| The Virginia Gastroenterological Society is committed to providing educational opportunities for clinicians throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. We are proud to announce a new educational initiative providing unrestricted educational grants to enhance the ongoing medical educational experiences of VGS members throughout Virginia. The unrestricted grant, in the amount of $2,000, is available to VGS members once per calendar year. The funds may be used to defray the costs of any approved educational activity.    OBJECTIVE GOALS  The Society seeks to encourage VGS members in creating local learning events in their own communities. The VGS Community Education Grant may be used to help defray the costs of honoraria, venue and equipment rental, and food. |

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HOW IT WORKS

The program is supported and administered by the Virginia Gastroenterological Society. The VGS Board will be responsible for reviewing and evaluating all grant applications. Initially, the grant application will be offered to the three GI training programs in Virginia: Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Virginia, and Carilion Clinic (Roanoke). Qualifying institutions will commit to promote the event, recruit participants, and create opportunities for faculty, trainees and community members to interact with the speaker. The event may be held at the academic medical center or at a venue suitable for a local gut club presentation. The VGS Educational Grant is unrestricted, and disbursement of the funds shall be at the discretion of the institution.

The VGS will provide an unrestricted $2,000 grant to successful applicants approximately 4-6 weeks after initial application.

TO APPLY

Institutions are invited to complete an application form and to submit a one-page letter of interest to the VGS President and Board. The letter should include a statement of need outlining the training program’s objectives and how this talk will advance GI training at the institution as well as involve community gastroenterologists.

Each application will be designated for the calendar year in which the grant is applied. Please submit applications *at least 4 weeks in advance of your event* to Susan Foster [sfoster@gastrohealth.com](mailto:sfoster@gastrohealth.com)

Visit [www.vagastro.org](http://www.vagastro.org) for more information

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| **APPLICATION FORM**  **Instructions:** Submit this application form and a one-page letter of interest addressed to the VGS Executive Secretary by email: **sfoster@gastrohealth.com**. The letter should include a statement of need outlining the program’s objectives and how this talk will advance GI education in the community. **Please allow four weeks prior to your event for grant consideration.** |
| **Date:**  **Point Person/Contact:**  **Name of Institution:** (currently open to UVa, VCU, Carilion)  **GI Program Director:**  **Total Number of Fellows:**  **Primary Contact Email:**  **Phone Number:**    **Potential Event Dates:** *(Please list three dates in the proposed calendar year and provide at least one month lead time)*  **Proposed Speaker(s):**  **Expected Attendance (est.):**  **Anticipated Activities for the Visiting Professor:** *(Check off as many as applicable)*  Medical Grand Rounds Fellows Case Discussions Faculty one-on-ones  GI Grand Rounds  Journal Club  Community MD Forum  Other (*describe*)        **Statement of Need:** *(Please attach letter describing proposed use of funds and how this program will enhance the educational experience of your program and the community.)* |