I. Expectations of Awardees

The purpose of the MSRIG to provide opportunities for Medical Students to participate in clinical or laboratory-based research focused on diseases of the colon, rectum, and anus. This represents a significant investment by the Research Foundation. In return, MSRIG recipients are expected to:

- Submit funded research to ASCRS annual meeting for its consideration of a poster presentation. If chosen for a podium presentation, you will be required to submit an article for publication in DC&R.
- Submission of funded research to DC&R for consideration of publication is encouraged.
- Include a statement acknowledging that the work was funded by a Medical Student Research Initiation Grant through the Research Foundation of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons in all published manuscripts pertaining to work outlined in the proposal.
- Provide a research report, 1-2 pages in length, within sixty days of the end of the funding period.

II. Preparing a Final Report

Please send a final report within sixty days of award completion including the following elements:

- Restate the specific aims/goals of your research plan and demonstrate the result toward each aim/goal. Include all supporting data.
- Indicate any deviations you have made from the original research plan and justify these changes. If you did not reach one or more of your initial goals, explain why.
- Indicate any problems or delays that you have encountered; for example, problems in obtaining protected time to do research, slow patient accrual in the study, etc.
- Prepare a list of your articles, chapters and abstracts that have resulted from your project. Please separate abstracts, peer-reviewed manuscripts, reviews, and presentations. Indicate “published, in press, submitted, or presented” for each item and enclose copies.
- Indicate if the result from your studies will be used as preliminary data in a grant application to another granting agency.
- Indicate the clinical significance and future clinical impact of the results of your study. Indicate if you received adequate institutional support.
• Final reports are posted on the ASCRS website grant pages. Please indicate if you do not wish to have your final report included in such posting.

• A financial report must be submitted at the same time as the final report with a complete financial accounting of all ASCRS funds expended over the entire life of the project including a list of assets and any equipment purchased with these funds and any travel expenses associated with the award. Please indicate how the expenditures relate to the project.

Please submit Renewal requests and Final Reports to: rf@fascrs.org

III. Acknowledgements from the Foundation

• To acknowledge your work, the Research Foundation will post final project reports on the ASCRS website grant pages. If you do not wish to have your final report posted on the website, please remember to include your preference in your final report.

• The ASCRS Annual Scientific Meeting General Surgery Forum organizers have agreed to hold one spot each year for one of the GSRRIG grantee’s that have submitted their final report. Final reports will be reviewed and one selected to present their work during this abstract session.