

AUGS/FPRN FAQs

Who can participate in AUGS/FPRN research projects?

- The research network is open to all current FPMRS fellows. Research proposals are accepted for consideration from any current FPMRS fellow. Residents and fellows from additional subspecialties are welcome to join as adjunct sites for approved projects.

How do I submit a project for consideration?

- Please go to the SGSonline.org/fprn website and scroll down to the heading "Research Proposal Submissions" and the subheading "AUGS/SGS FPRN Online Proposal Submission." Use the form "Research Proposal Form" under the same subheading as a template for submission.

When will I hear back about my research proposal?

- All submitted research proposals will be reviewed by the AUGS/FPRN committee for consideration. Projects of potential interest will be invited to provide a brief presentation at an upcoming national meeting for final approval. Projects will be selected by vote of the committee and current FPMRS fellows. Accepted projects will be notified and added to the existing approved projects for multi-site participation through the FPRN website.

How do I join an existing approved project?

- Approved projects are listed on the FPRN page SGSonline.org/fprn under the heading "Projects" and subheading "Ongoing."

Can I use the existing IRB approval of the approved project?

- Yes, IRB approval will be confirmed at the home institution with the IRB materials open and available to any wishing to pursue this study at his or her institution.

Will I receive authorship for joining a study?

- The research network follows standard authorship guidelines. Therefore, any fellow or resident that substantially contributes to the project, participates in manuscript composition, approves the final version for publication and agrees to be accountable to the integrity of the work will be listed as an author. Typically, each participating site will have at least one author listed. Order of authorship is determined by the PI based on level of contribution.

- Advisory Board members that serve as the project mentor and the home institution faculty mentor will be the last authors for abstract and

publication. The final author will be the faculty member most involved and instrumental in project development and completion.

What are the responsibilities if I join a project?

- Each member of a project is expected to actively participate in the work and participate in regular group communication via conference call or other modality. Project communication will occur monthly or more frequently, depending on the demands of the project. If any member of the project team, including the PI, is unresponsive or not fulfilling their responsibility in an efficient manner, that individual may be removed from the study. Removal of an individual from a study may only proceed after presentation to and agreement of the Senior Advisory Board.

Is there funding for this research?

- Limited funding is available on a case by case basis at the discretion of the committee. Expected financial requirements will be addressed during the project submission process and accepted or amended upon approval.

What if I graduate? Am I still the primary investigator?

- The fellow that submits the proposal will serve as PI until the end of his or her fellowship. Projects that are not completed prior to the graduation of the PI can be passed to a junior fellow at the same site who becomes the new PI. First authorship will go the original PI or subsequent PI at the original site who oversees the majority of the recruitment, data collection and manuscript composition. This is determined by the initial PI, subsequent PI and faculty mentor at the home institution.