Description
The NYSGE Award for Collaborative Endoscopy Research (ACER) in Honor of Florence Lefcourt provides funding for multi-institutional collaboration focused on translational or clinical research with a strong emphasis on gastrointestinal endoscopy. NYSGE is particularly interested in research pertaining to, in no order of preference: cancer screening and therapy, endoscopy training, novel endoscopic treatments, biomarker research, health disparities, quality measurement and improvement, cost-benefit analyses, health economics, endoscope reprocessing and infection control, and other imaging and interventions that are guided by endoscopy.

The Society's primary goal is to foster greater scientific collaboration among several metropolitan New York institutions. Therefore, the grant requires active collaboration of at least three institutions. Two of the institutions, including the lead institution or investigator, must be based in metropolitan New York. Strong preference will be given to studies that could not reasonably be conducted without a collaborative approach and to investigators who have demonstrated prior collaboration or have collected preliminary data to support feasibility.

ACER in Honor of Florence Lefcourt is a two-year award with total funding of $100,000. No indirect funds will be provided. The initial Year 1 award will be $50,000. The Research Committees of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and NYSGE will review progress after 12 months. Further funding is contingent upon meeting pre-defined milestones.

Implementation
- Award Term: two years, up to $50,000 per year, contingent upon Year 1 progress
- Grant Commencement: July 2023

Timeline
- July-August 2022: Website and Email Announcements
- September 15, 2022: Submission deadline for Letter of Intent (LOI)
- October 2022: Applicants who have submitted a Letter of Intent present their study proposals and answer questions at an NYSGE seminar
- December 9, 2022: Submission deadline for final grant application
Application Process and Requirements

- Principal Investigator from each institution must be a member of both ASGE and NYSGE
- Applications must conform to ASGE requirements and guidelines for grant requests
- NYSGE and ASGE require electronic submission. Applications must be submitted as a single PDF document via email to both info@nysge.org and grants@asge.org
- Application Packet is available at www.nysge.org and www.asge.org (September 2022)

Deadline
The application is December 9, 2022 by 6:00 pm EST

Questions
Contact info@nysge.org