

The Solly Marks Scholarship

PURPOSE

The purpose of the award is to honour the memory of Professor Solly Marks by recognizing clinicians or researchers of distinction in the field of gastroenterology /hepatology on an annual basis. This is an educational grant that is to be used for the upskilling of an individual and that will benefit the general good of gastroenterology in South Africa, as Prof Marks would have wanted. It is not to be used as a top up fund, but rather for a specific endeavour.



IF AWARDED, GRANT FUNDING MAY BE USED FOR:

1. A finite research project.
2. Buying out of time from teaching or clinical responsibilities to enable the nominee to make substantial headway in a large research project or to complete a Masters or PhD.
3. Paying for research assistance.
4. Supporting a period of travel for research purposes (in or outside South Africa).
5. Conference attendance.
6. Attending a gastroenterology/hepatology course, which will advance the nominee's skills.

BUDGET

The funding level is up to a maximum of R 100 000 per award, which must be fully accounted for by the end of the grant period.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Nominations will only be accepted from members of SAGES in good standing for at least a year.
2. Nominations from trainees/ fellows in formal GIT fellowship posts will be considered. However, the project should be completed before the end of the gastroenterology/hepatology fellowship.
3. Researchers/ basic scientists in the field of gastroenterology or hepatology will be eligible.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

There is no application template for this funding opportunity. All applications must be typed. Applicants' written motivation should include:

1. A CV.
2. A letter of motivation indicating the applicant's specific intended use of the award.
3. If applying for an educational activity, proof of that activity must be submitted (e.g. letters of invitation, advertising brochures etc). If the educational activity is attendance of a conference, this will only be funded if the individual is presenting an abstract and *will not be funded retrospectively*.
4. If applying for a research project, a proposal must accompany the application, including a budget. Proposals must be written by the applicants themselves, and a substantial portion if not all of the research must be performed by the applicant themselves. Where there is collaboration this must be clearly stated and documented what the applicant's involvement with the research will be.
5. Applications for research projects that have ethics approval will have an advantage. Funds will only be released once SAGES is provided with proof of Ethics approval in the name of the Scholarship applicant. If the Ethics approval was not applied for by the applicant a letter addressed to SAGES Council must be furnished by the holder of the Ethics approval clearly stating they are aware of the applicant's protocol, and that the applicant wrote the research protocol themselves and will be conducting the research themselves

DEADLINES AND MEETING DATES

Applications will be considered once a year.

The academic sub-committee which meets before the SAGES meeting will decide on the recipient based on the merits of the proposal.
Outcome dates: SAGES Gala Dinner

CONDITIONS

1. Awards must be taken up in the first year.
2. The successful applicant will be required to submit a report to the committee before the SAGES meeting in the following year after the award.
3. Any publications emanating from such funding must acknowledge the SAGES Solly Marks Scholarship.