



2025 AAS/SUS Surgical Investigators' Course:

# The Grant Writing Workshop

February 9-10, 2025 | Las Vegas, NV

*Course takes places immediately preceding the Academic Surgical Congress.*

## Day 1: SUNDAY, February 9, 2025

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- 1:00 pm – 1:10 pm Introduction – Fabian Johnston, MD, MHS and Timothy Donahue, MD**
- 1:10 pm – 1:45 pm Essential Elements of a Successful Research Proposal – Moderator – Ankush Gosain, MD, PhD, MBA**  
1:10 pm Generating a Hypothesis and Specific Aims – Andrew Ibrahim, MD, MSc  
1:20 pm Conveying Significance and Innovation – Shuan Kunisaki, MD, MSc  
1:30 pm Graphics/Figures – Susanne Warner, MD
- 1:45 pm – 2:15 pm Strategies for Success in Grant Writing: What I Wish I Knew Earlier – Dorry L. Segev, MD, PhD**
- 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm How Do Funding Agencies Work? – Moderator – Karl Bilimoria, MD, MS**  
NIH Organization, Institutes, Funding, CSR, Award Types – Ryan Fields, MD  
Non-NIH Funding Agencies – Jashodeep Datta, MD, FSSO  
Foundation Funding/Local/ Regional – Lisa McElroy, MD, MS
- 3:00 pm – 3:10 pm BREAK**
- 3:10 pm – 4:00 pm Breakout Panel Discussion: Basic and Translational Research – Moderator – Rebekah White, MD**  
Topics: Budget, Equipment, Resources, Vertebrate Animals, etc. –Kevin Mollen, MD  
Scientific Approach – Tips and Tricks – Matthew Neal, MD  
**OR**
- 3:10 pm – 4:00 pm Breakout Panel Discussion: Outcomes/Health Services Research – Moderator – Alex Hawkins, MD, MPH**  
Topics: Budget, Resources, Strategy for Building a Research Team & Selecting Co-Investigators – Meghan Flanagan, MD, MPH  
Scientific Approach – Tips and Tricks – Lesly Dossett, MD, MPH
- 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm Top 10 Mistakes Made when Writing Your First Grant – Justin Dimick, MD, MPH**
- 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Alchemy – Rachel Kelz, MD**
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Reception**

## Day 2: MONDAY, February 10, 2025

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- 8:00 am – 9:00 am** Lessons from 30 Years of Continuous NIH Funding and From Chairing a Study Section as a Surgeon – John Alverdy, MD, FSIS
- 9:00 am – 9:50 am** **Breakout: Career Development Awards – Moderator – Aarti Mathur, MD, PhD**  
9:00 am The Do's and Don'ts of Writing an NIH K Award Application – Juliet Emamaullee, MD, PhD, FRCSC  
9:15 am Developing the Candidate Statement & Career Development Plan – Krista Haines, DO, MA  
9:30 am Mentor/Environment – Ariane Christie, MD  
9:45 am Discussion – All Faculty  
**OR**
- 9:00 am – 9:50 am** **Breakout: Independent Awards – Moderator – Heather Yeo, MD, MHS, MBA, MS**  
9:00 am I Am Not Sure Where to Start – Who Can I Ask for Help? – Shipra Arya, MD, SM  
9:15 am How Do I Get Started (Start Up Funds/ If I Didn't have a K) – Kostas Votanapolous, MD, PhD  
9:30 am How to Get Funding for Clinical Trials – Jason Sicklick, MD  
9:45 am Panel Discussion/Small Group Advice – All Faculty
- 9:50 am – 10:00 am** **Break**
- 10:00 am – 10:50 am** **Score, Triage, Summary Statement and Resubmission – Moderator – Annabelle Fonseca, MD, MHS**  
10:00 am What Happens to your Grants after Submission – Katherine Gallagher, MD  
10:15 am Summary Statements and Preparing for Revision – Derrick Wan, MD  
10:30 am Discussion – All Faculty  
10:45 am Closing Comments
- 10:50 am – 11:00 am** **Break**
- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm** **Mock NIH Study Session (Health Services Research or Basic Science)**  
Registrants will be assigned to a mock study section with assigned faculty members.