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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Re: Application to the International Research Travel Awards for the 2019 Academic Surgical Congress**

I am applying for travel award to attend 2019 ASC as a Resident in surgery coming from LMICs.

My research project entitled ‘’Profile of lower gastrointestinal bleeding at a referral hospital in Rwanda’’ was accepted for oral presentation. This is one of few studies describing epidemiological profile of lower gastrointestinal bleeding in Africa. It was conducted after getting insight that most of literatures on this condition report the epidemiological findings from developed countries that rarely occur in Africa and our findings are totally deferent from what is already known from western countries. Presenting the results of my study is such big conference will open room for discussion on possible causes of such difference in disease etiologies.

All authors are from Rwanda and include residents in general surgery at the University of Rwanda and consultant surgeon and physician who work at 2 big referral hospitals of the country.

I am applying for this award first of all to share and learn experience from the big community of academicians who will be attending ASC and to get opportunity to share the findings of my research with experiences consultants. Secondly this award will help me to travel because I am unable to attend by myself due to financial limitations.

Thank you and look forward to hearing from you

Sincerely

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