

## **Announcing: Joint ACS - SOQIC** **FUNDED Resident Research Opportunity in Surgical Oncology**



The [American College of Surgeons \(ACS\)](#) Cancer Programs, in conjunction with Northwestern University's [Surgical Outcomes and Quality Improvement Center \(SOQIC\)](#) is excited to offer a NIH/NCI T32-funded, two-year, on-site fellowship in oncologic surgical outcomes, health services, and health policy research for surgical residents and post-doctoral trainees.

The ACS Clinical Scholars conduct research, integrate into ACS committees, and lead aspects of various ACS programs and initiatives, thus providing a comprehensive, unparalleled exposure to the College's work in research, quality, policy, and advocacy. Residents can have an interest in any area of oncology, including general surgical oncology, colorectal, thoracic, breast, transplant, etc.

The program has been highly successful, training more than 20 surgical residents over the past 15 years. Prior ACS Clinical Scholars have presented frequently at prestigious national conferences, published in high-impact journals (including numerous Scholars with first-author publications in JAMA or NEJM), led key initiatives for the ACS, and have gone on to careers as surgeon-scientists.



The ACS Clinical Scholars will work with mentors at the ACS and Northwestern's SOQIC, as well as experts from around the country. Research fellows will earn a Master's or PhD degree that best suits their needs through one of the programs offered at Northwestern, most often a Master's in Health Services and Outcomes Research. The advanced degree tuition will be fully funded by the program. Applicants are not required to enroll in degree programs if a similar-level degree has already been achieved.

Preference will be given to candidates with some prior research experience, but it is not required to have extensive prior training or experience. One-year fellowships will not be considered. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or residents. Please send your CV to [katherine.hammond@northwestern.edu](mailto:katherine.hammond@northwestern.edu) to request a preliminary form followed by a full application. Please also reach out to Katherine with any questions you may have.