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Submissions will be judged based on their scientific quality, innovation, and importance to the field of foregut surgery/medicine. Abstracts will be assigned as Poster presentations or, for the highest-ranked abstracts, as Oral/Podium presentations. The submission deadline is May 1, 2026.

Abstracts will be evaluated based on scientific quality, innovation, and relevance to the field. Accepted abstracts will be presented either as poster presentations or, for top-ranked

submissions, as oral/podium presentations.

[SUBMIT YOUR SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACT](#)



AFS Awards Nominations Now Open

The American Foregut Society is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the 2026 AFS Awards. Each year, the Society recognizes individuals whose leadership, innovation, and service help advance the field of foregut disease and strengthen our professional community. From emerging trainees to established leaders, the AFS Awards highlight the people whose work is shaping research, education, and clinical care across the specialty.

Nominations will be accepted March 1 through July 1, 2026, with award recipients honored during the AFS Annual Meeting. Members are encouraged to consider colleagues, mentors, and peers whose contributions deserve recognition and to submit nominations that reflect the breadth and excellence of the AFS community.

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Applications Open for the Class of 2026 AFS Fellows (FAFS)

Applications are now open for the Class of 2026 Fellows of the American Foregut Society (FAFS), with a deadline of July 1, 2026. The Fellow designation recognizes members who

demonstrate sustained excellence, leadership, and a strong commitment to advancing multidisciplinary collaboration in foregut care.

The American Foregut Society brings surgeons and gastroenterologists together to advance science and improve treatment paradigms. Advancement to Fellow status acknowledges professional achievement and dedication to improving care for patients with foregut disorders, with Fellows serving as ambassadors for the Society and leaders within the field.

Applicants should have at least five years of clinical or academic practice following training, maintain specialty certification and licensure, and show meaningful engagement with AFS through meetings, leadership, education, service, or research. The application includes a personal statement, CV, board certification documentation, and two letters of recommendation from current AFS Fellows representing both surgical and gastroenterology disciplines. A one-time \$100 application fee applies, and applicants must be active members in good standing.

Members who meet the criteria are encouraged to review the full requirements and apply through the AFS website.

[APPLY FOR 2026 FAFS](#)



Applications Open for the AFS Research Grant

The American Foregut Society is now accepting applications for the AFS Research Grant, supporting innovative work focused on the diagnosis and treatment of foregut disease. Applications will be accepted through July 1, 2026.

Open to principal investigators who are current AFS members, the program gives preference to early-career investigators within five years of completing training. The grant is intended to stimulate original bench, clinical, or educational research and help generate momentum toward future extramural funding. Proposals are reviewed competitively by the AFS Research Committee.

Awards of up to \$10,000 are provided for a one-year period and made to the recipient's institution. Members interested in advancing research that strengthens the future of

foregut care are encouraged to review the full guidelines and apply through the AFS website.

[APPLY FOR AFS RESEARCH GRANT](#)



Applications Open for the Motility and pH Testing Equipment Grant

The American Foregut Society, in collaboration with Laborie, is pleased to continue the Motility and pH Testing Equipment Grant, an initiative designed to expand access to advanced diagnostic technology and support the development of multidisciplinary foregut programs. Applications for the 2026 cycle will be accepted March 1 through July 1, 2026.

Through this program, up to three selected sites will receive a compact motility system and an alphaOne wireless pH receiver. Participating institutions commit to building the clinical infrastructure needed to support testing, including trained personnel, equipment supplies, and collaboration between GI and surgical teams. In addition to equipment and training provided by Laborie, AFS will offer mentorship throughout the two-year grant period to support implementation, interpretation, and program growth.

Eligible applicants must be AFS members in good standing and demonstrate a clear plan to expand foregut diagnostic services, including data participation in the AFS Quality Improvement Project. Preference will be given to programs that show strong GI-surgeon collaboration and do not currently have access to reflux or manometry testing.

Members interested in establishing or growing a foregut testing center are encouraged to review the full criteria and submit an application through the AFS website.

[APPLY FOR MOTILITY AND PH TESTING EQUIPMENT GRANT](#)

Save the Date – AFS Annual Meeting Registration Coming Soon



Registration for the 2026 AFS Annual Meeting will be opening mid-April. Join us in Washington D.C. in September!

At the center of our 2026 calendar is the [AFS Annual Meeting](#), taking place September 24–26 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in Washington D.C. This premier event is the Society’s most significant educational and scientific gathering, bringing together leaders, innovators, and colleagues from across the field.

The Annual Meeting serves as the culmination of our yearlong efforts—showcasing cutting-edge research, advancing best practices, and strengthening the connections that move our specialty forward.

Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership

Don't miss out on everything AFS has to offer in 2026. Renew your membership today if you have not already to continue accessing exclusive educational content, discounted event registrations, and the support of a thriving professional community.

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Show your AFS pride with professional apparel and gear from our Merchology store. Whether you're in the office, attending a conference, or keeping it casual, you'll find options that let you represent AFS in style. Explore the collection today!

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FREE
AFS MEMBERSHIP

Apply for a Free AFS Membership with the Trainee Grant

The AFS Foundation will give a limited number of grants each year to cover AFS membership fee for trainees.

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