



The American Hernia Society and LifeCell™ are pleased to invite applications for the 2010 Hernia Resident/Fellow Research Grant



Hernia Fellowship Research Grant

The American Hernia Society (AHS) Foundation together with LifeCell Corporation will award up to **\$25,000** to a qualified and approved grant applicant for research on incisional ventral or parastomal hernias in the following topic areas:

- Prevention of hernia formation
- Innovative techniques for hernia repair
- Factors affecting the incidence and recurrence of hernias`
- Complications related to hernia repair

APPLICATION DUE DATE: January 15, 2010

Grant Availability and Guidelines

GRANT AVAILABILITY

Grants are made possible through the support of LifeCell Corporation. Grants are limited to up to \$25,000 for a period of one year, and are made to the principal investigator. Studies may be either clinical (human) or pre-clinical (animal/bench).

GRANT GUIDELINES

Grants are awarded to the institution and not to the individual. It is assumed that some of the resources required to conduct the project are available through the investigator's institution. The research grant serves to provide supplemental support for personnel, equipment or services required to complete the research. It cannot be used toward salary support for the AHS member faculty. The award shall be used for direct costs only; indirect costs are not covered. Scanned copies of all necessary institutional approvals (IRB, RDC and/or IACUC) are required before any funds are released. This approval is not required at time of grant application.

Grants are based on the scientific merit of the project as well as the investigator's capability and the likelihood that the project will be completed successfully. Considerations include the investigator's experience, background, availability of patient material and other resources.

An abstract that summarizes the project and a financial report detailing how the grant money was spent must be submitted to the American Hernia Society (AHS) office by the end of one year's time. In addition, it is expected that the results of the research be presented at the AHS Annual Conference in 2011. Any publication arising from research supported by this grant must have a notation describing funding source, recognizing both the American Hernia Society and LifeCell Corporation.



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Application and Instructions

The AHS Foundation and LifeCell Corporation 2010 Hernia Resident/Fellow Research Grant is open to residents and fellows who have sponsorship from a practicing active member of the AHS. The grant is conferred on a competitive basis by submission of a grant application that is reviewed and evaluated by the AHS Program Committee.

The application must include all of the following:

- TITLE OF PROJECT
- ABSTRACT: Maximum 250 words, structured
- PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR:
 - Must be a resident or fellow in good standing at an accredited institution
 - Include name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information, including email
 - Include name of Sponsoring Mentor, who must be an active AHS member.
- RESEARCH PLAN: Maximum 5 pages, single-spaced.

Minimum of 1-inch margins, 11pt font.

- Include: Specific aims, Background and significance, Preliminary data or studies, Study Design and Methods, Data Analysis, Limitations and Alternatives, and References.
- STRATEGY OR POTENTIAL TO EXPAND THE PROJECT IN THE FUTURE
Maximum 250 words.
- DETAILED BUDGET: Visit: <http://www.lifecell.com/corporate/333/>
- CV OF PI , SUB-INVESTIGATORS, and SPONSORING MENTOR
- IRB APPROVAL LETTER: if IRB/RDC/IACUC approval has already been obtained.



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Timeline

Application Deadline:
January 15, 2010

Review Completion by AHS Program Committee Members:
February 20, 2010

Notification of Fellowship Award decisions:
March 1, 2010

Award Announcement at 2010 AHS Annual Meeting:
March 17-20, 2010

Project Start Date:
April 1, 2010

Presentation of research findings:
AHS Annual Meeting, 2011

Contact Information

All applications must be submitted by email only via either word or PDF file to Carol Goddard at carol@goddardassociates.com.

For inquiries, please contact Carol Goddard at **(303) 567-7899**.