

AAHKS Fellowship Education Improvement and Innovation Grant Program

Program Overview

AAHKS established the Fellowship Education Improvement and Innovation Program to award grant money to adult reconstruction fellowship programs, and incentivize the fellowship programs to address targeted areas of improvement, including but not limited to:

- patient optimization
- high risk/at risk patients
- diverse patient populations
- site of care impact
- registry-based research
- advanced technologies in joint arthroplasty

The grant program is intended to be flexible and inclusive. It is part of a larger long-term goal is to standardize curriculum, improve training and financially support adult reconstruction fellowship training nationally.

Application Requirements

The program runs on an academic year cycle with applicants required to have a current program agreement with AAHKS and an SF Match account.

Recipient programs must state how they will utilize the funds to improve the program in one or more of the areas listed above. Programs must attest that they will utilize the AAHKS Adult Reconstruction Fellowship Guidelines, which provides a didactic and clinical curriculum for fellows. At the end of the cycle, they must also summarize their progress or outcomes in brief reports at the end of the program year and how they are implementing the Guidelines.

Each application is reviewed by AAHKS staff and then an unconflicted surgeon leader for approval. Grants are provided on a per-fellow grant award, with all programs receiving a base amount and those with more than one fellow receiving additional funds.

The grant money shall not be utilized to sponsor or otherwise support recreational and/or entertainment activities or for any direct or indirect payments for faculty or attendee expenses such as honoraria, travel, lodging or meals.

Opportunities for Partnership

We invite you to support these initiatives to allow us to continue to develop and sustain these programs, ensuring sustained improvement of Adult Recon Fellowship training and helping our fellows succeed in their practices. If you are interested in supporting these initiatives, please contact Joshua Kerr, AAHKS Deputy Executive Director, at jkerr@aaahks.org for more information to begin the grant process.

TIMELINE FOR GRANT APPLICATION EACH YEAR

2026 cycle:

- AAHKS Reaches out to Industry Partners for Participation: Previous Year
- AAHKS Submits Grant Applications: Previous Year
- Applications Open for Fellowship Grants: February to March
- AAHKS Internal Review of Applications: March & April
- Notify Grantees and Begin Disbursing Funds: May 1
- Close the Cycle and Collect Final Grant Reports: November & December

Current Program Patrons

We thank our partners for the support that has allowed us to develop and sustain these programs, ensuring continued improvement of Adult Recon Fellowship training and helping our fellows succeed in their practices.

- Zimmer Biomet
- DePuy Synthes
- Stryker

AAHKS receives a 3% administrative fee, deducted from each partner grant received, to account for administering the grant monies to the fellowship programs each cycle.

Grant funds will be disbursed equally to applicant programs with all industry partners being recognized on the grant website and in communications to the applicant programs.