

**Katy O. and Paul M. Rady Trainee Award for Research in Gastroesophageal  
Oncology**  
*Call for Applications*

We are pleased to announce a funding opportunity for surgical trainees in their designated research years. This grant award, ranging from \$30,000 to \$50,000, is aimed at supporting research initiatives focused on gastroesophageal diseases.

**Eligibility**

Applicants should be:

- Surgical trainees (MD/DO or higher) at the University of Colorado
- Currently in a dedicated research year or planned to start the following academic year
- Planning to pursue a career in Surgical Oncology or Thoracic Surgery with a focus on upper GI malignancies, especially gastroesophageal cancer
- The initial appointment will require a 1-year commitment, which can be extended to a second year if productivity milestones are met

**Scope of Research**

This grant is designed to foster interdisciplinary collaboration across multiple specialties within the Katy O. and Paul M. Rady Esophageal and Gastric Center of Excellence. This includes Gastroenterology, Medical Oncology, Surgical Oncology, and Pathology.

Projects may range from retrospective studies to prospective research, including clinical trials. Retrospective projects are encouraged to utilize our division's prospectively maintained database as well as the National Cancer Database (NCDB) and other national-level data and institutional resources. Grant recipients will be directly guided by faculty mentors in the Department of Surgery and in the Rady Center, who will support research efforts and foster collaborative approaches across specialties.

Awardees are expected to attend the monthly Rady Center - Research Interest Group meeting and to share updates on their research biannually.

This scholarship is designed with the goal to increase research output and national and international visibility of the Rady Center.

Furthermore, the award is intended as bridge to future federal funding.

In order for the trainee to be eligible for renewal of funding for a second year, the candidate will be required to:

- Submit or publish at least 3 publications to peer reviewed journals in their first year
- Submit for presentation at a major national or international conference at least one project
- Regularly attend the monthly Rady Center - Research Interest Group meeting and to share updates on their research biannually
- Meet regularly with their designated research mentors to assure progress of research

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- Write at least one intramural or extramural grant proposal per year

The grant is intended to be used as salary support to cover part of the salary of the awardee in their designated research years.

**Application Process**

Please submit to Dr. Benedetto Mungo ([Benedetto.Mungo@CUAnschutz.edu](mailto:Benedetto.Mungo@CUAnschutz.edu)):

- CV
- NIH-format biosketch
- Letter of interest

The deadline for submission is April 15, 2025. Selected applicants will be notified of the next steps following an initial review.

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