

Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery Fellowship Research Curriculum

Our goal is to create well-rounded academic leaders in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. As a result, we have designed a unique research experience that provides comprehensive exposure and support to the paths of an academic career. Fellows will have weekly protected research time to complete their endeavors.

The first 6 months of training is focused on building research methodology and design skills. Fellows will complete the department sponsored fellow statistical curriculum and a select national research training course. Other fundamental topics critical to career development will be reviewed including constructing a Curriculum Vitae, introduction to QI, and teaching as medical educators.

After the first 6 months of training, fellows will choose an “area of excellence” or track in:

- Education
- Clinical Research
- Clinical Leadership

Each Track is designed to promote achievement of specific milestones to prepare fellows to launch an academic career. Each track has a list of objectives including:

- Supplemental education (readings, training programs, certificates)
- Scholarly activity (peer- reviewed publications, grants, scientific meeting presentations)
- Leadership activity (committee participation, program innovation, lectures)
- Formal evaluation by team members (research team, residents/students, clinical community members)
- Faculty mentor with complementary expertise

Of note, fellows can focus on one track and still participate in parts of the other tracks. Ultimately fellows are expected to complete **one independent research project with assistance and support from the faculty**, though many complete several projects during their training. These projects should result in a presentation at a national meeting and at least one publication in a peer-reviewed journal.