



# The Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract

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*SSAT Webinar:*  
**Research Grant Writing Workshop:  
Tools and Practical Tips for Grant  
Writing and Preparation**

Hosted by SSAT Research Committee

**Monday, January 11, 2021**

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Eastern  
(6:00 PM CT / 5:00 PM MT / 4:00 PM PT)

# Welcome

## Webinar Moderators:

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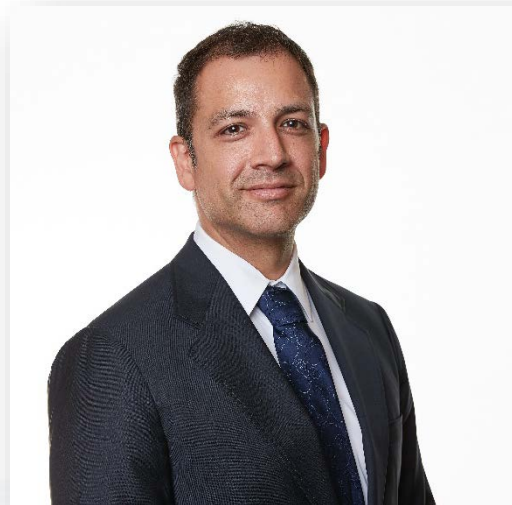
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- **Ask Questions using the Q&A Feature** at the bottom of the screen.



# About the SSAT

Founded in 1960 as the Association for Colon Surgery

**Our Mission:** To lead in advancing the science and practice of gastrointestinal surgery.

**Our Vision:** A global community of GI surgeons advancing research, innovation, and advocacy to benefit interdisciplinary patient care.

# SSAT Membership Categories



- Active Member (\$155 +\$75 initiation fee)
  - Medical degree, medical license & board certified or
  - Career scientist with an interest in digestive diseases
- Candidate Member (\$20)
  - Surgical Resident in ACGME approved program or equivalent body or
  - Post-resident GI Fellow with support letter from Program Director
- Medical Student (\$20)
  - In good standing at an LCME accredited institution

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**Deadline: January 19, 2021**

**50,000 USD/year for 2 years:**

For young faculty members to help establish investigators, basic or clinical, in digestive diseases.





# Schedule of Events



## **Welcome Remarks & Introduction to the Webinar**

### **Moderator**

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*MedStar Georgetown University Hospital  
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### **Moderator**

Puja G. Khaitan  
*Georgetown University School of Medicine  
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### **Moderator**

Pablo E. Serrano  
*McMaster University  
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## **Applying for an SSAT Grant: The Process, Review and Score**

Daniel I. Chu, MD, MSPH  
*University of Alabama  
Birmingham, AL*



## **The Fundamentals of Putting Together a Grant Application**

Sajid A. Khan, MD  
*Yale University  
New Haven, CT*



## **The Awards That Come From a SSAT Career Development Award**

Jeffrey B. Matthews, MD  
*The University of Chicago Medicine  
Chicago, IL*

Former SSAT Career Development Award Recipient



## **How to Successfully Use Your Career Development Award**

Evie Carchman, MD  
*University of Wisconsin  
Madison, WI*

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# Webinar Recording

- A copy of the webinar recording and the slides from each presenter will be posted on the SSAT website following the conclusion of the webinar.
- Look for an email when the recording is available online.





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