
Annual Report

2024

ABOUT THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION



Vision Statement

To advance colorectal health through research and discovery



Mission Statement

To support and advance research related to colorectal disease.

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2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS



Career Development Award

Ira Leeds, MD, MBA, ScM

The Impact of Veterans' Housing Instability on Colorectal Surgery Complications
Yale School of Medicine



Robotic Research Grant

Liliana Bordeianou, MD, MPH

Does Concomitant POP Repair During Rectopexy Change Pelvic Floor Function or QoL?

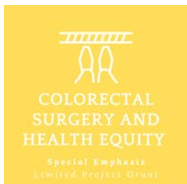
Massachusetts General Hospital



Limited Project Grant

Lillias Maguire, MD

Defining the Transcriptome and Microbiome in the CLIPS Trial
University of Pennsylvania



Special Emphasis Limited Project Grant: Colorectal Surgery and Health Equity

Alizeh Abbas, MD

Barriers to Patient Engagement Technology Use Among Black Patients
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Olivia A. Sacks, MD

Text-Messaging Quality Improvement Initiative to Increase Colonoscopy Completion

Boston Medical Center

Julia Saraidaridis, MD

The Future of Less Than Full Time (LTFT) Work for Surgeons
Lahey Hospital and Medical Center

2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS



General Surgery Resident Research Initiation Grant

Vincent Anto, MD

Extracellular Matrix Anastomotic Adjuncts in a Rat Model of Rectal Resection

University of Pittsburgh

Kelly Brennan, MD

Management and Outcomes of Appendiceal Cancer: Population-based Study

Queen's University

Austin Hewitt, MD

Anal Cancer Screenings in Veterans Receiving Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Therapy

University of Wisconsin-Madison's School of Medicine and Public Health

Christina Lee, MD

Identification of pMMR Rectal Cancer Patients Who Can Benefit from Immunotherapy

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Jeremie Lever, MD, PhD

The Role of Innate and Shared ST6Gal1 in Rectal Adenocarcinoma Invasion

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Nicholas Suss, MD

Elucidating the Role of Nutritional Prehabilitation in Colon Cancer Recurrence

University of Chicago

2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS



Medical Student Research Initiation Grant

Daniel Habib (Student) and Alexander Hawkins, MD, MPH (Mentor)

Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy Impact on Complications after Colorectal Cancer Surgery

Vanderbilt University Medical Center



Rising Star Award

Ana Sofia Ore, MD, MSc, MPH

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

> DISCOVeR

The Program is designed to provide an educational research and mentoring experience for medical students (“Objective”). The Program is a research-intensive summer training program for medical students interested in pursuing surgical careers. Medical students from a variety of backgrounds and with various experiences, including, without limitation, those who are first in their families to achieve higher education, from inner city or rural communities, economically underprivileged, or who have faced personal hardships or challenges to pursue a career in medicine are strongly encouraged to apply to the Program.

The program objectives are for the students to:

- Participate in didactic sessions either in person or remotely;
- If possible, receive exposure to a surgical skills lab or bio skills experience;
- Engage in a mentored pre-designed colorectal surgery research experience identified and guided by the medical student’s mentor; and
- Develop mentor relationships and participate in networking opportunities.

> 2024 Recipients:

Abena Antobre

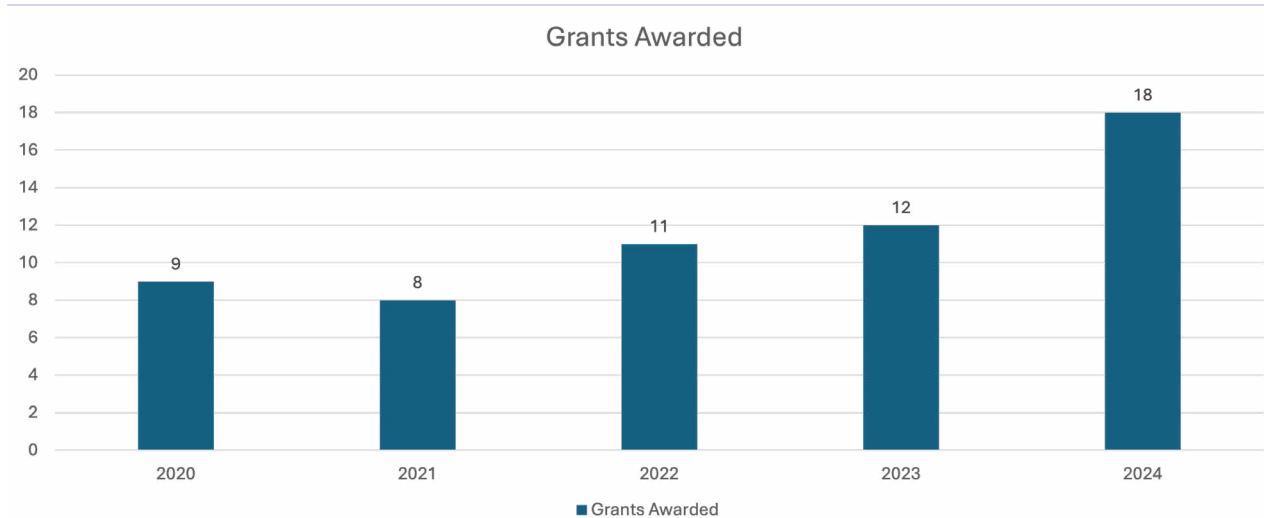
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Tabitha Norton

Daphne Sanchez



INCREASING NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED



GRANT AND AWARD OPPORTUNITIES



PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT

Philanthropic support is the lifeline of the foundation. We are grateful to those who have tirelessly supported the foundation over the years.

\$74,419.90 raised in 2024

109 donors in 2024

