



RE: Clinical Research Fellowship

Dear General Surgery Trainees:

The MD Anderson Cancer Center and the Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery are proud to offer a clinical research fellowship.

This is a two-year appointment with financial support that appeals to trainees in surgery interested in learning more about academic thoracic surgical oncology and high-level clinical research. Applicants must currently be in an ACGME accredited General Surgery program.

Fellows work closely with staff and faculty at MD Anderson formulating research questions that lead to abstract and manuscript submissions to high impact national and international meetings and journal publications. Past fellows have made podium presentations both nationally and abroad.

Resources that are available include access to large institutional prospective databases, membership and access to national databases, collaboration with clinical and basic science research teams, bio-statistical support, and experience in the entire life cycle of a clinical trial (prospective trials design, IRB submission and statistical analyses). Collaboration with outside institutions is frequent and encouraged, and can lead to novel outcomes research questions and clinical trial designs. Collaboration with basic scientists offers opportunities in translational research linking laboratory findings to clinical outcomes.

Applicants for the two-year position are enrolled to participate in a Master's in Clinical Science program, offered in collaboration with the University of Texas Medical School. This program is a multi-disciplinary program designed to advance evidence-based practice in surgery by providing surgical trainees with formal training in advanced bio-statistics, clinical research, and trial design (see <https://med.uth.edu/crebm/clinical-research-education/ms-in-clinical-research/> for more information). Participants receive course work as part of the master's program and additionally hands-on mentoring and feedback on study design, presentation skills, manuscript editing and research topics. The Department of Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery will fund the tuition for the Master's Program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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Respectfully yours,

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