Securing funding for surgical education research can be challenging...
but it can be done!
General Model

- Startup Funds
- Internal Grants
- External Grants
- Supported Roles
Startup Funds

- Department-provided
- Negotiated as you begin a job
- Consider resources you need up front and in the future
  - New programs
  - Research programs/protocols
  - Simulation
Internal Grants

- Usually institution-sponsored
- Focused on specific project
- Designed to complete pilot study for future work in pursuit of external funding
- Inquire early what is available
  - Mentors
  - Dept/Division Chair
  - Medical School
  - Research Office
External Grants

• Variety of sources
• Focused on specific project
  • Often focused on a specific area
  • Often need pilot data
• Collaborators will be key
  • Multi-Institutional Studies
  • Mentorship
  • Research Office
# External Grants

### Societies
- ASE
- APDS
- ABMS
- ACGME
- AAMC

### Agencies
- NIH
- NSF
- DoD
- AHRQ
- PCORI

### Foundations
- Insurers
- Stemmler
- Commonwealth
- Josiah Macy
Supported Roles

- Department or institution
- May take on at the start of a position or work into over time
- Consider how to make your work count twice for scholarship
- Support for percent of effort
  - Clerkship director
  - Program director
  - Medical school leader

Supported Roles

- External Grants
- Internal Grants
- Startup Funds
Sage Words

• If you do good work, people will fund you
• Define “education research” broadly
  • Identify areas of overlap with funding agency interests
• Find collaborators
• Be persistent
• Follow your passion

Courtesy Doug Smink, MD, MPH
Thank You!

Questions...

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