2020 FAER/ABA Research in Education Grant
Letter of Intent (LOI) Information

GRANT BACKGROUND
The goal of the FAER/ABA Research in Education Grant (FA-REG) is to provide an outstanding research experience for anesthesiology faculty interested in graduate medical education and physician lifelong learning. Applicants for the FA-REG must be ABA diplomates who are not currently and will not be pursuing ABA additional certifications during the grant period.

Proposed research project should address one of the following categories of research questions:

1) the value of ABA initial and continuing certification to clinicians and the public, including assessment of how certification is related to clinical performance and novel means to analyze and utilize data such as MOCA Minute assessments, or

2) the validity and impact of the ABA’s new initial certification program - the Staged Examination System (BASIC, ADVANCED, Standardized Oral Examination and Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)), including reliability and novel measures of external validity.

Projects can utilize the unique ABA data warehouse that includes residency training records and the results of certification assessments. The data in this warehouse are de-identified to protect the privacy of physician records, and the recipient will not have access to identifiable information. Primary data collection, including those employing qualitative and mixed methods, may also be proposed.

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) INFORMATION
To apply, applicants will submit a one-page letter of intent (LOI), with the understanding that a full research proposal will be developed if selected as one of the finalists. The LOI should be a one-page letter on professional letterhead that provides a descriptive title of the proposed research and summarizes the ultimate full proposal.

This LOI should also include how the proposed project fits the FAER/ABA funding criteria and priorities, elaborate on the research objectives and approach, indicate if there are other participating institutions, designate the time period for which funds will be requested for, and identify the members of the research team including any mentors.
Although the recipient will conduct most activities while at their home institution, the experience may include up to five (5) days per year at the ABA headquarters in Raleigh, NC, with travel expenses paid by the ABA. A $100,000 grant over two years is available for faculty members of any rank, and requires 40 percent of their time to be dedicated to the proposed research. Finalists will be selected primarily based on the strength of the research idea including rationale, research objectives and approach.

Letters of intent for the FAER/ABA REG award will be accepted from Dec. 1 - 31, 2019. LOIs must be submitted through FAER’s online grant portal.

Organization Background:

The Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research (FAER) is a related organization of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. For over 30 years, FAER has been dedicated to developing the next generation of physician scientists in anesthesiology. Charitable contributions and other support help FAER fuel the future of anesthesiology through scientific discovery. FAER has several funding mechanisms including training grants, grants which fund research in education, and partnering with other organizations to fund anesthesiology-related research.

The mission of the American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) is to advance the highest standards of the practice of anesthesiology. As the certifying body for anesthesiologists since 1938, the ABA is committed to partnering with physicians to advance lifelong learning and exceptional patient care. The Board administers primary and subspecialty certification exams as well as the Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology™ (MOCA®) program, which is designed to promote lifelong learning, a commitment to quality clinical outcomes and patient safety. Based in Raleigh, N.C., the ABA is a nonprofit organization and a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties.