

WICTA

Women in Cardiothoracic Anesthesia



FALL 2020

MESSAGE

*from our chair
& vice-chair*

WICTA Mission Statement The mission of the SCA Women in Cardiothoracic Anesthesia Special Interest Group (WICTA SIG) is to ensure excellence in quality of patient care through promoting a diverse, inclusive and equitable professional community in our specialty.



DR. DARYL OAKES

Though this year has brought many upheavals, we would like to take this moment to be thankful. We are grateful for all the healthcare providers, many of them our professional colleagues, who have worked diligently, through personal strain and challenges, to continue to provide excellent care for those touched by COVID-19. We have witnessed heroic efforts coast-to-coast as we have banded together to care for those in need, even in the face of personal tragedies and PPE shortages. We hope you are holding on and staying safe in these challenging times.



DR. BOLA FALOYE

This past year, WICTA has continued its efforts to be an inclusive group that drives necessary, overdue change in women's equitable representation and historically underrepresented groups in cardiac anesthesiology.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

WICTA Mission Statement Update: We officially updated our mission statement to clarify that WICTA seeks to represent the interests of women and ALL groups that are underrepresented in our field.

WICTA Speaker Database: We launched a database to provide visibility to our members (yes, this means you!) for their professional work and to help conference program leadership connect with a more diverse body of speakers.

SCA Diversity Grant: We worked with the SCA to create a Diversity grant, a 2-year seed award geared towards providing research starter funds for women and underrepresented minorities. This grant is meant for you!



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MORE EXCITING PROGRAMMING IS ON THE WAY IN THE COMING YEAR:

Clinical Research Mentoring PDMP: We are creating a Professional Development and Mentorship Program (PDMP) focused on clinical research mentoring to produce new candidates for the SCA Diversity grant and other SCA funding opportunities. See more details on the WICTA webpage at: www.scahq.org/WICTA.

Virtual Networking: Developing virtual networking opportunities to provide avenues for our members to meet and exchange ideas, reconnect, and forge new connections. We look forward to enhancing our engagement with our academic and private practice colleagues to create a welcoming and inclusive community in the SCA.

Thank you for being part of WICTA. Together, we will make a significant change. We wish you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Best,

Daryl and Bola

Follow us on Social Media

To better connect with our members and keep you up to date on all the fantastic things WICTA is doing, we are working on increasing our footprint in the social media space. Here's what you can do to help: Follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, and join our WICTA Facebook group. Anyone can join our Facebook group, and any member can post to the page. This is a great place to network with other members, ask questions, list job openings, etc.

JOIN OUR SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

If you love social media and want to get more involved with WICTA, this job is for you. We are looking for social media ambassadors to help us post content. Please email us at WICTA@scahq.org to get involved.



@womeninCTAnes



@WICTA



WICTA page &
Facebook group

RESEARCH GRANT *opportunities*



SCA Research Grants

There are several research grants currently being offered through the SCA. We know many WICTA members have great ideas, and we fully encourage all of you to apply! WICTA members should take special note of the new Diversity and Inclusion Grant, specifically open to women and underrepresented minority candidates. A brief description of each grant is below. More information about the grants can be found on the SCA website at: [www.scahq.org/Research Grants](http://www.scahq.org/Research%20Grants).

The research grants' application deadline is January 11, 2021, and you must be an SCA member to apply. The awards will be announced during the SCA Virtual Annual Meeting & Workshops.

SCA/IARS STARTER GRANT (\$25,000/YR. FOR 2 YRS)

PI must be within five years of finishing training and have an academic appointment at the rank of Instructor or Assistant Professor.

SCA/IARS MID-CAREER GRANT (\$50,000/YR. FOR 2 YRS)

PI must be at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor; previous Mid-Career Grant recipients are not eligible for additional awards.

SCA DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION GRANT (\$25,000/YR. FOR 2 YRS)

The grant is open to all women and underrepresented minority candidates in the early to mid-career stage.



Early Career Investigator Award

For fellows, or those who completed training in the last 12 months, check out the Early Career Investigator Award. This award is designed to motivate physicians early in training to pursue their interest in research. Applicants must first submit an abstract for the annual meeting by November 25, 2020. After the abstract is submitted, the senior mentor must submit a letter to the SCA by December 7, 2020.

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2021 SCA

upcoming meetings



2021 Annual Echo Week Virtual Meeting – February 26-28, 2021

Comprehensive Review & Advanced Applications of Perioperative Echo

TOP REASONS TO REGISTER FOR ECHO WEEK IN 2021:

- Core Series—prerecorded lectures.
- Interactive Series—prerecorded lectures with live panel discussion.
- Earn more than 40 hours of continuing medical education.
- Receive Discount on Test Yourself Modules that will be available in April/May 2021

Registration and program information can be viewed at www.scahq.org/Echo Week.

**VIRTUAL
MEETINGS**

2021 SCA Thoracic Anesthesia Symposium/Annual Meeting and Workshops is Going Virtual

We are disappointed we cannot connect in Montreal in 2021 but know that the SCA TAS Planning Committee and Scientific Program Committee are working to put together an outstanding virtual program.

The abstract deadline is Wednesday November 25, 2020.

Registration and program information can be viewed at www.scahq.org/TAS and Annual Meeting.

SPEAKER DATABASE

& membership info



WICTA Speaker Database

The WICTA speaker database is up and running. We would love for all of our members to be recognized for their hard work. If you've given lectures, grand rounds, talks at regional or national meetings, etc, you are more than qualified! This database serves to promote the contributions of women and underrepresented minorities in the field of cardiothoracic anesthesiology. A link to enroll can be found on our webpage or click the link here: www.scahq.org/WICTA Database.

Those looking for speakers for Grand Rounds, conferences, etc. can submit an inquiry directly to WICTA@scahq.org to be provided with a list of speakers in the content area they specify. We are in the process of reaching out to department chairs to advertise our database better. If you know someone in your department who is in charge of educational conferences, please feel free to pass along their contact information so we can inform them as well.

Get Involved

If you have not filled out an official membership application, we encourage you to go to the SCA website and fill one out. The link is on our webpage, www.scahq.org/WICTA. You do not need to be an SCA member to join WICTA; however, many of our events are in conjunction with the SCA annual meeting, and several award programs we advertise will require SCA membership. We strongly encourage you to become an SCA member if you are not a member already.

We have a new email address. You can now contact us at WICTA@scahq.org.

Job Opportunity

University of Iowa, Vice Chair of Education – Anesthesiology

University of Iowa Health Care, the state's only comprehensive academic medical center, is seeking a qualified candidate to serve as its Vice-Chair of Education in the Department of Anesthesiology. The ideal candidate must have an associate professor ranking or higher and significant experience with medical education, preferably a residency or fellowship directorship or teaching medical students. For more information, email Allison Homer at Allison.homer@merritthawkins.com or call 855-868-1970 and reference vce-127231E.

Have a job opportunity you'd like us to advertise?

Feel free to post to our WICTA Facebook group! You can also email us at wicta@scahq.org, and we'll include in our newsletters, emails, and other social media outlets.

PDMP

mentoring program



Professional Development Mentoring Program

Last year, WICTA was proud to launch our Professional Development Mentorship Program (PDMP) on Public Speaking. Mentees were paired with mentors to work on public speaking and presentation skills. Those enrolled were scheduled to give their presentations during the SCA annual meeting, but we created our virtual event due to the 2020 Annual Meeting's cancellation! Three of our mentees, Dr. Nazish Hashmi, Dr. Chandrika Garner, and Dr. Agnieszka Trzcinka, gave excellent presentations. Followed by our keynote speaker, Dr. Harriet Hopf (University of Utah), gave a presentation on elevator pitches and presented to executive leaders. The recorded session can be found on our website under "Past Events" at www.scahq.org/WICTA.

This year's PDMP project will focus on research. There continue to be disparities in research funding for women and underrepresented minorities, part of which may be explained by the lack of mentoring. This year's PDMP Clinical Mentoring Track will match a mentee with an established research mentor to guide the mentee in refining a research project and crafting a grant application. The goal is to have the mentee apply for research funding, including SCA grants, for the 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 grant cycle. Mentees will meet with their mentors at least once a month and meet with their peers within the same mentoring cohort monthly. The program will include webinars on the following topics: idea formation, project design, elements of a successful grant proposal, and how to foster a successful collaboration. The project may be used to obtain pilot data for future grant applications and be feasible at the mentee's institution. The program is open to all women and underrepresented minorities at all professional rank levels who have not previously received extramural funding.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

For more information and to apply, visit our website, or click the link here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyA85IWabV3W0sof2Vdejs5ZLbsyoFLRmkdr-tMDmGXpC98A/viewform?usp=sf_link.

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