



The goal of the Surgical Outcomes Club (SOC) – JAMA Surgery Health Services Research (HSR) Manuscript Reviewer Training Program is to provide an avenue for graduating trainees and early career surgical investigators to be effective reviewers of research paper under the guidance of prolific and experienced mentors and advisors.

Program Highlights

- One-year training program for graduating trainees* and early career surgical investigators.
- Up to 3 applicants will be accepted each year
- Applicants will work with SOC board members who will serve as their mentors and consultants for each monthly review.
- Applicants will learn how to effectively review a research paper under the guidance of their mentor
- The program is of no cost to the applicant
- Applicants will become reviewers for JAMA Surgery at successful completion of the program, including timely submission of 8 manuscript reviews over the year*

**Only faculty are eligible to be peer reviewers for JAMA Surgery. Graduating trainees will need to be appointed faculty before they can be peer reviewers.*

Objectives

Upon completion of the program, applicants will be able to:

- Understand the peer reviewer's tasks and responsibilities
- Learn how to detect bias, confounding and other weaknesses within research methodology
- Gain skill in developing a respectful critique that improves the manuscript
- Understand how to determine if a manuscript should be accepted, revised, or rejected
- Understand the publication process including submission, review, revision, publication, and dissemination

Program Expectations

- Participate in monthly sessions with assigned mentor and review the [SOC-JAMA Surgery methodology series](#) and discuss reviewed manuscripts.
- Review a minimum of 8 manuscripts within the 1 year training program

- Have 1 formal didactic session with editor(s) from JAMA Surgery to understand editorial process
- Reviewers in training will have 1 week to complete review and then 1 week for mentor to put together the review for JAMA Surgery. Mentor is responsible for timely submission of review to JAMA Surgery
- Reviewers in training must commit to confidentiality of all the materials they review for JAMA Surgery

Who May Apply?

Members of the Surgical Outcomes Club who are in their final year of training in a surgical specialty or early career surgical investigators within their first five years of completing training in a surgical specialty or are members of a surgical department may apply to this fellowship.

Application Process

Applicants must submit the application form along with the following:

- Current copy of your curriculum vitae
- A one-page statement of interest, including:
 - Prior and/or current activities with publishing, writing, or editorial experience
- Letter of support from department chair/division chief for those who have completed training or from the program director for those who are still in training.

Submit the application form with required documents as a single PDF to SOC Administrator, Ashley Duby, admin@surgicaloutcomesclub.com by **Tuesday, June 30, 2026.**



Surgical Outcomes Club
Health Services Research Reviewer Training Program

*Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

*Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

*Phone: _____ *Email: _____

*Institution: _____ *Department: _____

*Position Title: _____

*Check all that apply: MD PhD Other (please specify): _____

The following must accompany your application:

- A current copy of your curriculum vitae
- Letter of support from department chair /division chief (for faculty) OR program director (for chief year trainees)
- A one-page statement of interest, including:
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E-mail completed applications as one PDF to SOC Administrator, Ashley DUBY,
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Deadline: Tuesday, June 30, 2026, Applications not meeting these requirements will not be considered. For more information, please visit the Surgical Outcomes Club website:
www.surgicaloutcomesclub.com