I. RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA FOR GRANT/SUBSIDY

OBJECTIVE: To promote scientific research paper writing among Fellows and Diplomates of the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (Foundation), Inc [POGS].

GENERAL RULE: The research grant/subsidy is available to all POGS Fellows and Diplomates in good standing.

SPECIFIC RULES:

1. It must be a valid and original research work.

2. The subject matter of the research work should be relevant to the science or practice of obstetrics and gynecology.

3. The research proposal must include a cover letter addressed to:

   **EFREN J. DOMINGO, MD, FPOGS**
   Chairman, Committee on Scientific Works
   Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (Foundation), Inc [POGS]
   POGS Building, 56 Malakas Street, Diliman, Quezon City

4. The research proposal must include a complete protocol that preferably has been approved by a Technical and Ethical Review Board. The research protocol should be in this sequence: Title; Abstract (not more than 250 words) and Key Words; Introduction and Review of Literature; Objectives (General and Specific); Materials and Methods (Target Population, Materials and Methods, Sample Size Estimate, Statistical Analysis); References; Time Table; and Budget.

5. The maximum initial funding shall be P50,000.00 (50% upon approval of the research proposal and 50% upon completion of the study). If the research work is worthwhile, funding may be increased at the discretion of the POGS Board of Trustees and subject to availability of funds.

6. There should be a legal contract between the parties: POGS and the researcher(s). The contract should include the time table, accounting of funds, audited financial report, and all other pertinent provision(s) necessary in the conduct of the research.

7. Upon completion of the study, the research paper should be published in the Philippine Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology (PJOG). If the author wishes to publish the paper in an international or another local journal, a letter of notice should be given to the PJOG Editor-in-Chief. Acknowledgement of POGS must be included in the published article.

8. There is no limit to the number of research proposals applied.

9. There should be no conflict of interest if there is a co-sponsor. Co-sponsor should not be a pharmaceutical company.

10. Six (6) hard copies and a soft copy in a Flash Drive or CD of the research proposal should be submitted on or before **June 30, 2017**.
11. The POGS Fellow/Diplomate (author/s) should have a valid Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Certificate. A photocopy of the valid GCP Certificate should be submitted together with the research proposal.

12. The POGS Fellow/Diplomate (author/s) should submit quarterly progress reports from the time that the grant has been approved up to the completion of the research work.

13. The POGS Fellow/Diplomate (author/s) should complete the research work within the timetable indicated in the research proposal. If ever there is a need for an extension of the time to complete the research work, the POGS Fellow/Diplomate (author/s) shall submit a letter of request for extension to the POGS Committee on Scientific Works and the extension shall be subject to the Committee’s approval.

II. RESIDENTS’ INTERESTING CASE PRESENTATION CONTEST

OBJECTIVE: To promote interesting case paper writing among Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB-GYN) Residents-in-Training.

GENERAL RULE: The interesting case paper contest is open to OB-GYN Residents-in-Training from POGS-accredited training hospitals.

SPECIFIC RULES:

1. The subject matter of the interesting case paper should be relevant to the science or practice of obstetrics and gynecology.

2. The interesting case paper should not have been published in any local or international journal.

3. The interesting case paper should not have been presented in a previous POGS interesting case paper contest.

4. Re-submission of previously submitted interesting case papers is discouraged.

5. The principal author MUST BE A RESIDENT-IN-TRAINING of a POGS-Accredited Training Hospital. One of the authors MUST BE AN ACTIVE CONSULTANT of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the same institution.

6. If the interesting case paper is selected for presentation, the principal author must be the one to orally present the paper. He/She must be a resident-in-training at the time of presentation.

7. The Society reserves the right to publish the winning papers and finalists in the Philippine Journal of OB-GYN (PJOB). Case reports which are not chosen for presentation but seems worthy of publication will be submitted to the Editorial Board of the PJOG for consideration. Authors will be formally informed by the PJOG Editorial Board before actual publication.

8. Winning and non-winning papers, if author/s so wishes, may instead be submitted for publication in other local or international journals but notice should be given to the PJOG Editorial Board.
9. Cash and Certificates of Participation will be awarded to qualifying papers:

1st place P15,000.00
2nd place P10,000.00
3rd place P 5,000.00
Consolation prizes P 1,000.00

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2. Each manuscript should be in this sequence: Title; Abstract (not more than 150 words) and Key Words; Introduction; Case Report; Case Discussion; Summary; Acknowledgments; References; Appendix; Tables; Illustrations (with legend) and Pictures (colored or glossy, black and white).

3. A case study should be written with no more than 2500 words (excluding the abstract and references) and 10 references.

4. For indexing, 3-5 key words should be written alphabetically below the abstract. It is recommended that the key words be taken from the US National Library of Medicine’s Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) browser list (http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/meshhome.html).

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10. The International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) recommends that authorship be based on the following 4 criteria:
   a. Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
   b. Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
   c. Final approval of the version to be published; AND
   d. Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.
GUIDELINES:

1. Six (6) hard copies and a soft copy in a Flash Drive or CD of the interesting case paper should be submitted on or before **July 27, 2017**.

2. Do not include the authors’ names, information and institution/s anywhere in the manuscript to maintain a blinded submission. Non-compliance may be grounds for disqualification of the paper.

3. The title page should be placed in a sealed envelope. It should include the following details:
   a. complete manuscript title
   b. authors’ full names, highest academic degrees, and affiliations
   c. name and address of corresponding author, including fax number, telephone number, and e-mail address
   d. all sources of support, including pharmaceutical and industry support, that require acknowledgment
   e. name, address and date of presentation, if the paper had been presented in a scientific meeting
   f. signature/s of the author/s
   g. written certification by the Department Chair of the principal author’s training status at the time of submission.

4. The six (6) manuscripts, USB/CD and the sealed envelope must be placed in a short brown envelope and submitted to:

   POGS Committee on Scientific Works  
c/o the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (Foundation), Inc.  
POGS Building, # 56 Malakas Street, Diliman, Quezon City  
(Attention: Resident’s Interesting Case Paper Contest)

5. Failure to comply with the manuscript Rules and Guidelines may be grounds for automatic disqualification from the contest.

PROCEDURE FOR JUDGING:

1. All interesting case papers submitted on or before the deadline will be screened by the Subcommittee on Interesting Case. The chosen papers for competition will be presented (Oral Presentation) to a panel of judges on:

   **September 21, 2017, 5PM**
   POGS Assembly Hall, 56 Malakas St.  
   Dilliman, Quezon City

2. A panel of Judges will evaluate the papers based on the following criteria:
   a) Significance, importance and rarity of the case  
b) Review of literature  
c) Documentation  
d) Case discussion  
e) Adherence to the format
3. Decision made by the Committee on Scientific Works and the Board of Judges are final and irrevocable.

III. RESIDENT'S RESEARCH PAPER CONTEST

OBJECTIVE: To promote scientific research paper writing among Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB-GYN) Residents-in-Training.

GENERAL RULE: The research paper contest is open to all OB-GYN Residents-in-Training from POGS-accredited training hospitals.

SPECIFIC RULES:

1. The subject matter of the research paper should be relevant to the science or practice of obstetrics and gynecology.

2. A Technical and Ethical Review Board should have preferably approved the research paper.

3. The author/s should have a valid Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Certificate. A photocopy of the valid GCP Certificate should be submitted together with the research paper.

4. The research paper should not have been published in any local or international journal.

5. The research paper should not have been presented in a previous POGS research paper contest.

6. Re-submission of previously submitted research papers is discouraged.

7. The principal author MUST BE A RESIDENT-IN-TRAINING WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF ORAL PRESENTATION, if selected, of a POGS-Accredited Training Hospital. One of the authors MUST BE AN ACTIVE CONSULTANT of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the same institution.

8. If the research paper is selected for presentation, the principal author must be the one to orally present the paper. He/She must be a resident-in-training at the time of presentation. For the Midyear Residents’ Research Paper Contest, the presenter and principal author maybe a graduate but must be a resident within 6 months of oral presentation.

9. The Society reserves the right to publish the winning papers and finalists in the Philippine Journal of OB-GYN (PJOB). Research papers which are not chosen for presentation but seems worthy of publication will be submitted to the Editorial Board of the PJOG for consideration. Authors will be formally informed by the PJOG Editorial Board before actual publication.

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GUIDELINES:

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2. Do not include the authors’ names, information and institution/s anywhere in the manuscript to maintain a blinded submission. Non-compliance may be grounds for disqualification of the paper.

3. The title page should be placed in a sealed envelope. It should include the following details:
   a. complete manuscript title
   b. authors’ full names, highest academic degrees, and affiliations
   c. name and address of corresponding author, including fax number, telephone number, and e-mail address
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PROCEDURE FOR JUDGING:

1. All research papers submitted on or before the deadline will be screened by the Subcommittee on Research. The chosen papers for competition will be presented (Oral Presentation) to a panel of judges on:

   October 26, 2017, 5PM  
   POGS Assembly Hall, 56 Malakas St.  
   Diliman, Quezon City

2. A panel of judges will evaluate the papers based on the following:
   - Introduction and Review of Literature
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IV. FELLOW’S RESEARCH PAPER CONTEST

OBJECTIVE: To promote scientific research paper writing among POGS Fellows.

GENERAL RULE: The research paper contest is open to all POGS Fellows in good standing.

SPECIFIC RULES:

1. The subject matter of the research paper should be relevant to the science or practice of obstetrics and gynecology.

2. There is no limit to the number of research papers a POGS Fellow may submit.

3. The principal author must be a POGS Fellow in good standing.

4. A Technical and Ethical Review Board should have preferably approved the research paper.

5. The author/s should have a valid Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Certificate. A photocopy of the valid GCP Certificate should be submitted together with the research paper.

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7. The research paper should not have been presented in a previous POGS research paper contest.

8. Re-submission of previously submitted research papers is discouraged.

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   c. name and address of corresponding author, including fax number, telephone number, and e-mail address
   d. all sources of support, including pharmaceutical and industry support, that require acknowledgment
   e. name, address and date of presentation, if the paper had been presented in a scientific meeting
   f. certificate of authorship by the author and co-author/s that the research paper is a result of his/her/their investigation
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3. Announcement and awarding of winners will be held during the POGS Annual Business Meeting at the POGS Annual Convention.
4. Decisions made by the Committee on Scientific Works and the Board of Judges are final and irrevocable.

Revised: October 25, 2016