

**REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE**  
**2026-2027 APGO ACADEMIC SCHOLARS AND LEADERS**

I attest, with my signature, that \_\_\_\_\_ is a faculty member in good standing in my department whose interests and talents lead me to believe that he/she would be an excellent individual to be engaged in this educational program.

I have reviewed the information concerning the APGO Academic Scholars and Leaders Program with this candidate, who is a member in good standing of APGO. By signing this statement, I pledge my support to his/her involvement in this program.

Specifically, I agree to:

- (1) support this faculty member throughout the 15-month curriculum with respect to individual projects and local assignments;
- (2) encourage the support of other faculty and personnel in participating in such projects;
- (3) provide the expenses for this faculty member to attend the following:
  1. **ASL Sessions and the 2026 Martin L. Stone, MD, Faculty Development Seminar: The Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island, Amelia Island, Florida**  
January 7-10, 2026 – APGO Academic Scholars and Leaders Program sessions  
January 10-13, 2026 – APGO Martin L. Stone, MD, Faculty Development Seminar
  2. **ASL Sessions and the 2026 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting: Seattle, Washington**  
February 16-18, 2026 – APGO Academic Scholars and Leaders Program sessions  
February 18-21, 2026 – CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting
  3. **Summer ASL stand-alone session: August 2026, Annapolis, MD**  
August 5-7, 2026 - Two full days of ASL Sessions (arrive Wednesday for sessions all day Thursday and Friday)
  4. **2027 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting: Dates and Location TBD**  
2027 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting to participate in research presentations and graduation.

I also pledge that, upon completion of this curriculum, this faculty member will be provided responsibilities commensurate with the knowledge and skills learned from this curriculum. Further, fulfillment of these responsibilities will provide important evidence with respect to academic promotion and securement of tenure, if applicable, at the appropriate time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Name (typed or printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair's Name (typed or printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair's Signature

The scholar's local mentor will be: \_\_\_\_\_

Local mentor's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Local mentor's e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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