



Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons

2026 **NEW** Innovation Grand Prix Competition Application Guidelines

The Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (SESPRS) invites inventive minds to submit their projects for a chance to compete for two prestigious awards of **\$10,000** and **\$5,000**. Applicants must be current **Candidate or Active SESPRS members**.

Awards will be presented during the **Innovation Grand Prix Competition** at the **2026 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 17th**, where the top innovation projects will be showcased. Finalists will be selected to present their work in person and will engage in a dynamic Q&A with the SESPRS Innovation Committee and attendees. Please note that participation on the panel requires **in-person presentation**.

The deadline to submit a completed application is **February 28, 2026**. Following submission, an initial review will identify the leading applicants who will advance to the live panel. SESPRS will also provide each finalist with a presentation coach to assist in preparing and refining their slides.

Please email your completed application along with your current CV or biosketch to: **Susan Russell – Srussell@sesprs.org**

If you require assistance feel free to call the Society office: (435) 901-2544

Please use the following official application

2026 Innovation Grand Prix Application

Active Member Candidate Member

Name of SESPRS Member

Mailing Address City ST Zip

IF THERE IS ANY CHANGE IN THE ABOVE PLEASE NOTIFY THE SOCIETY OFFICE

Status: Private Practice Full-Time Academic Practice Resident/Fellow

Academic Location if applicable: _____

Project Title:

What stage are you at with your innovation? (please describe; is it an idea, in early research studies, a startup-company, a commercial entity, etc.)

What is the clinical “need” or problem this will solve?

What is the potential market size for your innovation?

Please briefly describe the idea / technology you are developing?

Do you have any data or proof of concept? If so, please briefly list the most compelling studies you have completed.

Do you have intellectual property with this innovation and if so describe its location and the arrangement surrounding it (pending patent, exclusive license with a university, etc.)?

What is your regulatory pathway and where are you in this regard?: (ex, device pathway with 510K option, pre-sub with FDA upcoming.)

What is your commercialization strategy?

Please list your team members / key personnel and role within the project?

Other Financial Awards and conflicts of interest: (List all other sources of funds currently available or pending for the project. Include both sources and amounts. Please disclose any potential conflicts of financial interest.)

Certification: By signing this application, I certify that use of human and animal subjects for this project complies with guidelines related to innovation.

Ethics Statement: I hereby certify that the above project will be conducted under ethical standards

Full Name (please print)

Signature

Date: _____

When your submission is received you will be notified. After the initial review process is complete we will be back in touch with more details.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS FEBRUARY 28, 2026