



THE THOMAS B. McCABE and JEANNETTE E. LAWS McCABE FUND

To: Department Chairs

From: Ronald P. DeMatteo, MD, Department of Surgery
Chair, McCabe Fund Advisory Committee

Date: February 9, 2026

Subject: **THOMAS B. McCABE and JEANNETTE E. LAWS McCABE FUND
FELLOW AND PILOT AWARD APPLICATIONS 2026-2027**

Attached are the application materials for the annual McCabe Fund Awards. Please distribute these throughout your department to junior faculty who qualify. Distribute to division chiefs as applicable.

Program details have changed this year – please review all materials carefully. Effective this year, the McCabe Fund Award Program will offer a single award type, the McCabe Fund Award, with a funding level of \$50,000 per award.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Thomas B. McCabe and Jeannette E. Laws McCabe Fund was established in 1969 by a generous gift from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. McCabe to the School of Medicine. The McCabe Fund Advisory Committee, which oversees the award process, welcomes junior faculty (Assistant Professors) appointed between July 1, 2024 and July 1, 2026 to submit proposals that are innovative biomedical and surgical research that bridge the clinical and basic sciences. **This opportunity is open to clinical (CE and AC) track junior faculty with no or limited extramural research funding.** Tenure and research track faculty are not eligible to apply. The McCabe Award process is based in the Department of Surgery in coordination with the Perelman School of Medicine Dean's Office and the University investment office.

McCABE FUND AWARD APPLICATION

Effective this year, the McCabe Fund Award Program will offer a single award type, the McCabe Fund Award, with a funding level of \$50,000 per award.

Departments may submit a maximum of four applications for the McCabe Fund Award. The Department of Medicine may submit up to five applications. If a department has more interested applicants than available submission slots, the department chair will select the most competitive applications to submit to the McCabe Advisory Committee on behalf of the department.

All McCabe Fund Awards are one-time, non-renewable, and non-transferable. Award selections will be made by the McCabe Advisory Committee at its annual meeting in June.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

Please submit applications via email to:

The McCabe Fund Advisory Committee
c/o Kaitlyn Hagarty
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ENCLOSURES:

Guidelines
Application Instructions
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