Tuesday, September 23, 2025

SAGES 2026 Education and Innovation Center Station Application

For SAGES member-led projects/initiatives

Approval Status In Progress

Overview

The SAGES Education and Innovation Center is a designated space within the exhibit hall at the SAGES Annual Meeting that focuses on dynamic education techniques using simulation and the vital partnership with industry to forge innovation. The 2026 SAGES Education and Innovation Center will take place March 26-27, 2026 in Tampa, FL.

SAGES is committed to advancing minimally invasive surgical techniques through innovative technologies and education. The E&I Chairs are seeking stations that align with our mission to connect with industry leaders, share groundbreaking solutions, and foster collaborations that push the boundaries of surgical excellence. We look forward to hosting stations that showcase the latest developments and contributing meaningfully to the professional dialogue at the meeting. If you are interested in hosting a station within the E&I Center, please complete this form, providing as much detail as possible. Forms are due to SAGES no later than **October 31, 2025.** Form submission does not guarantee approval. E&I Chairs will select the final stations from the qualified applicants based on several factors including but not limited to innovative and novel approaches, quality and relevance of hands-on experience, SAGES mission alignment, and more. Approved applicants will be notified by late November 2025. Please email Inga at inga@sages.org with any questions or concerns.

Our Center disclaimer is that support provided is limited to:

Space appropriate for the station activity and furnishings include tables and chairs
Required audiovisual, electrical, and wifi for each station with limit of four (4) monitors

Each Station is expected to provide:

General supplies
Shipment of needed equipment i.e scopes, towers, trainer boxes, instruments, etc.
Arrangement for any specimen delivery and disposal

Education and Innovation Center Hours: 10am-4pm, Thursday March 26th and Friday March 27th, 2026

Station set-up: Wednesday March 25th (10am-5pm)

Station Lead (SAGES member)	Dean Mikami
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Station Contact (person responsible for staffing the station and coordination)	Sarah Colon
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Station Name	FUSE Learning Station

Station Description

The FUSE learning station will give members of SAGES an opportunity to learn more about the fundamentals of surgical energy. The learning station will have a range of training modules to help the learner become more familiar with the dangers of electrosurgery. FUSE is an educational program comprised of an interactive web-based multimedia-enhanced didactic curriculum and an online multiple-choice cognitive exam. The program is designed to certify that a successful candidate has demonstrated knowledge fundamental to the safe use of surgical energy-based devices in the operating room, endoscopic suite, and other procedural areas. Today, learners can log on to FUSEdidactic.org and be taught the principles of energy and safe use of related devices.s.

Do you have any Industry/Vendor Support for your station?

Medtronic

Who will be staffing your station FUSE Committee members and surgical residents

Audio/Visual Equipment

SAGES will provide, upon request, each station with up to four (4) tv monitors on stands for use at each station. Additional A/V requests are subject to vendor availability and pricing. Please list out all your AV needs for your station in the boxes below.

Audio/Visual Equipment Request

Name of Equipment	Number requested	Size (if applicable)	Additional specs
TV Monitor	one	43 inch	

In-Kind Industry Equipment Requests

IMPORTANT: Requests for vendor specific equipment are not guaranteed! We will be submitting requests to vendor sponsors in early November. Any equipment requested after October 31st may not be honored. Please provide as much detail as possible in the form below to assist us in ensuring equipment requests are accurate.

In-Kind Industry Equipment Requests

Product Name	Vendor	Size	Amount
FT 10	Medronic		1
Monopolar pencil	Medtronic		2
Ligasure	Medtronic		2

SAGES will provide basic furniture for your station, including chairs, 6 foot draped tables, and small wastebaskets. Please let us know the number of each you will need below

# of 6 foot draped tables 1

# of chairs 2

# of wastebaskets 1

How does your station benefit the SAGES membership?

Teaches the fundamentals of electrosurgery

Explain, in detail, what the hands-on components of your station will be

Will feature electric surgical models (cold deli meats) and demonstrate to users the mechanism of surgical energy and potential injuries that can occur.

Explain the innovative and/or novel approaches incorporated into your station

It will show examples of electrosurgical principles and the potential mechanisms of energy injuries.

Are there any sponsoring and/or related SAGES committees involved with your station?

FUSE committee

Please check all of the following:

- I understand my station needs to be staffed for the entirety of the E&I hours (10am-4pm Thur &Fri).
- I understand I am responsible for providing materials beyond those stated that SAGES will provide.
- I understand in-kind requests are not guaranteed and I am responsible for providing the supplies in question if the requests are denied.
- I undestand stations leads must be SAGES members and registered for the meeting.
- I understand that I am responsible for coordinating the shipping, delivery, and setup of all equipment and materials provided by my team

Approval Activity History

Actor	Actions	Date
Notification	Email sent. (Thank you for your SAGES 2026 E&I application: FUSE Learning Station) dmikami2@hawaii.edu	Tuesday, September 23, 2025
inga@sages.org	Waiting for inga@sages.org's action.	Tuesday, September 23, 2025