

The Urology Care Foundation is focused on funding urologic research and research training in support of innovative treatments to improve the quality of patients' lives. Since 1975, the Research Scholars Program has provided more than 525 scholarships and awards to young MD and PhD investigators who are interested in pursuing careers in urologic research. The Foundation also supports research opportunities for medical students and urology residents.

The Foundation's Research programs are important to innovative urologic research. At a time when many urology departments across the country are faced with budget challenges that limit quality research opportunities, these programs provide opportunities for young scientists to begin strong careers in urologic research excellence. Many past awardees remain active in academic urology today, continuing to build upon the foundation of experience and knowledge gained during their research fellowships.

Research Scholars Program

The Foundation's long-standing Research Scholar Program provides one- and two-year research fellowships. This funding allows MDs and PhDs to gain valuable research experience under the guidance of mentors who are leaders in the field.

Rising Stars

This grant program encourages young urologists to enter and remain in research careers. The Rising Stars program supplements the salaries of urologists doing research. This supplementation allows urologists to be able to focus more effectively on research that has the potential to make a difference in the lives of patients.

Bridge Awards

The Urology Research Success Award is designed to assist outstanding urology researchers who are members of the American Urological Association (AUA) and/or AUA-related specialty societies to continue important urology research while awaiting new funding.

Summer Medical Students

The two current programs are the *Herbert Brendler, MD Summer Medical Student Fellowship Program* and the *Arkansas Urologic Society Summer Medical Student Fellowship Program*. The fellowships fund medical students doing urology research for two months during the summer.

Resident Research Awards

The *Russell Scott, Jr., MD Urology Residency Research Awards* provide funding for one year of residency research training.