UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION
PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR THE

2017 Research Scholar Award

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I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION MENTORED RESEARCH AWARDS

The Urology Care Foundation, the official foundation of the American Urological Association (AUA), works to ensure the future of urologic health by supporting and improving the prevention, detection, and treatment of urologic diseases through research and education. The Urology Care Foundation has recognized a major need to encourage bright, young physician-scientists and researchers to dedicate their careers to improving patients’ lives through better understanding of the development and management of urologic diseases and conditions.

The AUA Office of Research, created in 2001, works toward its mission to advance urologic research through funding, education, and advocacy. The Office of Research administers all aspects of Urology Care Foundation mentored research award application receipt and review, as well as grant management. For any questions related to administration of awards or award applications, see Section V. Contact Information of this Program Announcement.

B. AWARD INFORMATION

The Research Scholar Program is the flagship research program of the Urology Care Foundation. It began in 1975 to provide mentored research training awards to early-career investigators, enabling them to ignite their careers and advance urologic research. To date, the program has invested over $24 million to support over 700 Research Scholars, many of whom are now world-renowned leaders in urologic research. We invite MD (or equivalent) and PhD (or equivalent) applicants to apply for funding to support their training in urologic research. Awards are $40,000 per year for one or two years of support and require intensive involvement of one or more mentors committed to advancing the development of the Research Scholar.

Research Scholar Awards require an institutional match such that the sponsoring institution must provide matching funding, guarantee protected research time, and ensure the adequacy of the scientific environment, laboratory equipment, and supplies to perform the research.

C. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

To be eligible to compete for a 2017 Urology Care Foundation Research Scholar Award, applicants must, by July 1, 2017, be either:

Track 1:
- Urologists in accredited clinical fellowships (eligible until the end of clinical fellowship);
- Research scientists who are post-doctoral fellows within five years of completing PhD; or

Track 2:
- Early-career MD or PhD (or equivalent degree) investigators within the first five years of beginning their faculty positions.

and, for both eligibility tracks:
Be able to commit to no less than one year of performance on the award and no less than 50 percent (for MD or equivalent degree applicants) or 100 percent (for PhD or equivalent degree applicants) of their time on their research projects. Deviation from this requirement will result in disqualification for award consideration or discontinuation of funding, should an award already have been made. MD applicants should clearly state how the research/clinical time will be allocated for the duration of the award.

All applicants will be required to indicate the track to which they are applying when they begin their online application submissions.

NEW FOR 2016: All applicants who are not AUA members at the time of application must commit to applying for AUA membership in the event of being selected to receive a Research Scholar Award. Membership applications must be submitted within 1 week of accepting the Research Scholar Award and proof of AUA membership must be provided to the Office of Research prior to funds being dispersed.

If the research is being conducted in the United States, applicants are not required to be U.S. citizens but must have valid Social Security numbers for Internal Revenue Service purposes.

Neither the Urology Care Foundation nor the AUA Office of Research discriminate as to age, race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability, citizenship or national origin in the employment and promotion of staff or in the selection of participants in the Urology Care Foundation Research Scholar Award.

To be eligible as a host institution, the institution must provide appropriate laboratory or medical facilities typically within the boundaries of the eight sections of the AUA. However, the following funds, when available, allow international applicants, whereby the research training may be conducted in appropriate laboratory or medical facilities outside the U.S.:

- The Joseph Segura Scholarship in Endourology and Stone Management Fund, sponsored by the Boston Scientific Corporation and the "Friends of Joe;"
- Endourological Society Fund;
- Endourological Society/Raju Thomas, MD Research Scholar Fund;
- The Indian American Urological Association/Sakti Das, MD Research Scholar Fund; and
- The Indian American Urological Association/Kalish Kedia, MD Research Scholar Fund.

All four of these awards are open to international applicants. For the Endourological Society Award, the institutional match is encouraged but not required for institutions outside the sectional boundaries of the AUA. Please contact the Office of Research at grantsmanager@auanet.org for additional information.

D. FUNDING INFORMATION

1. AWARDS AVAILABLE

At least 14 awards are available for the 2017 Research Scholar Award competition, the leading funding opportunity available through the Urology Care Foundation. Funding is available for research training in all urologic disease areas and across all research types: basic, translational, clinical, and health services/outcomes.

Some awards focus on the following specific research areas:
- Minimally Invasive Endourology (e.g., Stone Disease, Laparoscopy, Robotics)
- Pediatric Urology
- Female Urology
- Urologic Oncology

All of the eight AUA Sections have one or more endowed research funds to support Research Scholars in perpetuity. Scholars must carry out their research within the geographical boundaries of the Section sponsoring the award. For the 2017 competition, the following Section-based awards are available:

- Mid-Atlantic Section William D. Steers, MD; one award
- Northeastern; two awards
- South Central; two awards
- Southeastern; two awards
- Western; one award

The American Urological Association and the Urology Care Foundation thank the following specialty societies and groups for their endowments to the Research Scholars Program, all of which have awards available for the 2017 competition:

- Endourological Society/Raju Thomas, MD; award recipient must be/become a Endourological Society member; this award is international in scope
- Indian American Urological Association (IAUA)/Kalish Kedia, MD; award recipient must be/become a IAUA member
- Indian American Urological Association/Sakti Das, MD; award recipient must be/become a IAUA member
- Society for Pediatric Urology/Sushil Lacy, MD
- Society for Urologic Oncology; one award for urologist training at a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Specialized Programs for Research Excellence (SPORE) site
- Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine and Urogenital Reconstruction/Hari Badlani, MD

The Urology Care Foundation continuously seeks sponsors for Research Scholar awards; thus, the portfolio of awards available is ever-evolving both within and between funding years. The entities listed above likely does not represent the final list of sponsors that commit to awards in 2017, nor do these sponsors or the Urology Care Foundation make any guarantees that any/all awards will be filled. Research Scholar awards are granted based on the objective evaluation of all aspects of eligibility criteria, scientific review, and the financial portfolio available at the time the grants are finalized by the Urology Care Foundation. The Urology Care Foundation reserves the right for final approval for any/all awards provided through the program. Updates on sponsor commitments will be posted on http://www.auanet.org/research/research-scholar-awards-83.cfm.

PLEASE NOTE: Other than choosing a one-year or two-year award, applicants cannot designate the award(s) for which they are applying (e.g., AUA Section Award). All applications will be reviewed and scored by a peer review panel of experts. From the pool of applications deemed fundable, the Office of Research will match those applications to the appropriate Urology Care Foundation awards that are available.

2. OVERLAP IN FUNDING

Applicants will not be eligible to hold the Research Scholar Award if they currently possess or are awarded a training grant, e.g., K12, T32, DoD, for salary support that has a level of effort requirement
in conflict with the level of effort committed to the Research Scholar Award. If there is a conflict, the Research Scholar awardee will be required to decline or relinquish one of the awards.

Applicants are not eligible to hold to the Research Scholar Award if they are awarded a grant for salary support that results in support or compensation in excess of institutional salary limitations. However, exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis to allow for a reduced payment from the Research Scholar Award to enable recipients to keep the award and not exceed institutional salary limitations. All decisions will be final and at the discretion of the AUA Office of Research.

Applicants are permitted to hold simultaneous intramural grants provided they do not result in salary support in excess of institutional salary limitations. Applicants are required to include in their application packages a notification of applications filed to other funding sources, and provide the Urology Care Foundation with any updates regarding monies secured during the award period.

As the Research Scholar Award does not provide funds for indirect costs or direct costs other than salary support, Research Scholar applicants and awardees can receive funding from other sources dedicated for costs other than salary support for the same research project.

Applicants are not eligible to hold to the Research Scholar Award if they are awarded other grants supported by the AUA or Urology Care Foundation funds for the same research project.

3. INSTITUTIONAL MATCHING FUNDS

**MD Scholars:** The sponsoring institution for MD Scholars must provide $40,000 in matching support for salary and/or requisite supplies and equipment to complete the research. For MD Scholars, the salary stipend match may not include fringe benefits or indirect costs. Details of the sponsoring institution’s plan for financial support should be provided in the application submitted by MD Scholars.

**PhD Scholars:** The sponsoring institution for PhD Scholars must provide $40,000 in matching support for salary and/or requisite supplies and equipment to complete the research. For PhD Scholars, the salary stipend match may include fringe benefits, but may not include other indirect costs. Details of the sponsoring institution’s plan for financial support should be provided in the application submitted by PhD Scholars.

If the institution includes travel costs as part of the support, awardees must exhaust those funds and provide appropriate documentation of the expenditures before applying for additional travel funds from the Urology Care Foundation Scholar Travel Support Program.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Urology Care Foundation scholarship funds will be paid directly to the Scholar’s sponsoring institution for distribution to the Scholar. The sponsoring institution is obligated to provide matching funds pursuant to the specific type of scholarship as described above.

Scholarship stipends will be payable in two annual installments available for distribution on or about July 1 and January 1. The Urology Care Foundation does not withhold taxes from scholarship stipends (i.e., federal withholding, social security, local or state taxes, etc.). It is the responsibility of the Scholar to ensure that appropriate federal and local taxes are accounted for.
II. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION MATERIALS

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicants are responsible for composing, compiling, and submitting a complete application. Each applicant must have a primary mentor, who will be considered by the Urology Care Foundation to be the Principal Investigator (PI) for the project. More than one mentor per project is both permitted and recommended if the project is highly translational or interdisciplinary. Each mentor must provide a Mentor Letter of Support and complete the required mentor sections within the Application Agreement. Listing of consultants or co-investigators on the project is acceptable; the applicant should clearly describe the role of each member of the personnel on the project.

Institutions should encourage the submission of applications from all of their eligible and highly qualified urologic research trainees and early-career faculty in need of support. Within any given funding year, however, the Urology Care Foundation prefers to provide support to as many institutions as possible, provided each institution has submitted a highly meritorious application. Therefore, funding decisions will be impacted by not only the merit of the application and the alignment with awards available, but also may be impacted by the intent to distribute Urology Care Foundation funds to qualified applications from as diverse a distribution of institutions as possible.

Electronic Registration: Applicants must go to the 2017 Urology Care Foundation Research Scholar Award Program site at http://www.auanet.org/research/research-scholar-awards-83.cfm to view the Program Announcement and all pertinent information regarding the program. Applicants must submit all documents electronically via the application submission system at https://aua.versaic.com. To prevent emails from the submission system from being identified as spam, it is strongly recommended to add noreply@system.versaic.com to your address book or safe sender list (to learn more, go to www.versaic.com/spamhelp).

Applicants whose institutions are located outside the boundaries of the AUA sections should contact the Office of Research at grantsmanager@auanet.org for additional information.

B. PRE-APPLICATION

To facilitate planning for peer review, applicants are required to complete a pre-application electronically via the application submission system at https://aua.versaic.com no later than Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

The pre-application will include applicant and application information (e.g., project title, research type, etc.), number of mentors, mentor contact information (used for solicitation of Mentor Letter(s) of Support), contact information for individuals providing additional letters of support, and a brief project description. The pre-application also requires the Institution Federal Tax Identification Number (EIN).

There is no approval process for the pre-application, and applicants should assume that they have permission to apply but are not bound to apply; however, after administrative review of the pre-application, the AUA Office of Research will release the application submission system for full application submission by each applicant.
C. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE

Prepare the application to include all documents in the order below. With the exception of the application agreement and letter of support, the application package (Items 2-8 below) should be a single PDF file, with each component adhering to its specific page limitation as indicated below. PLEASE NOTE: any components that exceed their respective page limits will be removed from the application or administratively truncated; with one exception: if the Research Project Description component exceeds the 8-page limit, the application will not be considered.

1. Application Agreement Form
The applicant must download and complete the Application Agreement Form located on the application submission system at http://aua.versaic.com. This form must be completed in its entirety, including all necessary signatures and grant administrator contact information. Please type information into the Application Agreement Form where solicited (illegible information will not be accepted). Applicants whose institutions are located outside the boundaries of the AUA sections should contact the Office of Research at grantsmanager@auanet.org for additional information.

The Mentor(s) may provide guidance on preparation of the application; however, the applicant should prepare and submit his or her own application package. All mentors are required to state their involvement in the application process on the Application Agreement Form.

2. Abstract (one-page limit)
Briefly summarize the following elements of the proposed research project and training:
- Problem to Be Addressed
- Specific Aims and Experimental Design
- Mentoring Plan
- Potential Impact of Project on Urologic Research and on the Applicant’s Career Development

3. Research Project Description (eight-page limit)

*Times New Roman font in 12-point format is strongly recommended. Applications that use less than a 10-point font may not be forwarded to peer review.*

Section 1: Specific Aims (suggested length: 1 page)
Briefly introduce the problem to be addressed, providing the major reasons why this is an important problem to study. Define the major hypothesis to be tested and list the specific aims proposed to test the hypothesis. Summarize the experiments proposed and explain how they will address the aims of the proposal.

Section 2: Background (suggested length: 2 pages)
Describe the background of the problem to be addressed, citing the appropriate literature. Introduce the subject area of the research, including sufficient background material to place the project in scientific perspective. Ensure that the significance of the scientific problem to be addressed and the potential impact of the research are clearly described.

Section 3: Supporting Data (suggested length: 2.5 pages)
Provide any preliminary data pertinent to the proposed experiments. Present either research data that you have generated or data that has been generated by the laboratory of the mentor(s) and is related to
your proposal. Unpublished data or published data (with references) may be included. *It is recommended that no more than three figures be used. The data in this section should support the major hypothesis of the proposed work.*

Section 4: Experimental Plan (suggested length: 2.5 pages)
Describe each experiment in enough detail that reviewers can determine the feasibility of the methods and how they will address the hypothesis. For each experiment, outline the rationale for doing the experiment, possible anticipated results, and the approaches that will be used for data analysis and statistical interpretation, as appropriate. Briefly describe alternative experimental approaches should the initial approaches prove unsuccessful.

Section 5: References and List of Abbreviations/Acronyms *(do not count toward the page limit of the Research Project Description)*

4. Institutional Plan (to be completed by the mentor(s); two-page limit)

This section should describe the institution's facilities, funding and technical assistance, specific duties of the applicant, time committed to research (PhD fellows must commit 100% of their time, MD fellows must commit no less than 50% of their time), clinical activities, teaching duties, relationship to mentor(s), ongoing research program, and immediate supervisor (if other than Mentor). MD applicants are strongly recommended to obtain written confirmation from their department chairperson for their allowable level of effort for research.

5. Applicant Biosketch (five-page limit)

Include the applicant’s curriculum vitae or biosketch (NIH-style recommended but not required).

6. Applicant Career Plan (one-page limit)

Include a statement of career goals and plans including description of any coursework, conferences, seminars, teaching or clinical responsibilities, grant writing, or other activities that the applicant plans to use in his or her career development. In addition, applicants should describe longer-term goals (10-15 years post-award) for their careers.

7. Mentor Biosketch(es) (four-page limit per person)

Include a biosketch for each mentor (NIH-style recommended but not required).

8. List of Mentor’s Previous Trainees (one-page limit per mentor)

Provide a list of each mentor’s previous trainees and their current positions (if there are none, please indicate such).

9. Letters of Support (two-page limit per letter)

The application must contain one Letter of Support from each mentor and two Letters of Support from other professionals.

The Letter of Support from each mentor should describe the applicant’s training program and the mentor’s specific involvement in and commitment to providing training, career development, and mentorship in urologic research. Specifically, the letter should address the following:

- Applicant’s characteristics and accomplishments to date, potential for an independent career in urologic research, and estimated timeline for career development
- Mentor’s history of training clinical and postdoctoral fellows
• Training environment, including ongoing urologic disease research and how it will promote the development of the applicant
• Mentor’s plan to support the research project and guide the applicant

Two Letters of Support from individuals other than the mentor(s) are also required. However, if these letters are missing, the application may still be forwarded for peer review. Since all Letters of Support must be submitted confidentially and therefore under separate cover, the application submission system, based on contact information provided by the applicant, will email each mentor and others persons providing letter of support to solicit the letters. While applicants will not be able to view the submitted letters in the application submission system, the applicant may use the system to view verification that the letters have been submitted.

The application must be SUBMITTED electronica[ly at https://aua.versaic.com no later than Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 5:00 pm Eastern time. Applicants should allow ample time for composing, compiling, and submitting materials. Late submissions will not be considered.

D. CHECKLISTS FOR APPLICANT AND MENTOR

To complete the application package, ensure the submission of the following:

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Please Note: Items 2-9 must be uploaded in the application submission system under the Application Information section as a single combined PDF file.
2. MENTOR CHECKLIST

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Please Note: Item 9 should be sent confidentially to grantsmanager@auanet.org.

Lay Statement and Photographs for UrologyHealth.org and AUAnet.org

The applicant must submit two separate documents via the application submission system under the Supplemental Information section:

1) A short paragraph (3-4 sentences), in language that can be understood by individuals without backgrounds in science or medicine, about his or her research project

2) a headshot photograph as a jpeg file. The photograph should be a high-quality headshot (high resolution ≥ 3 megapixels) with either professional dress or a laboratory/white coat. Please do not compress the photograph after it is taken.

The applicant thus gives permission for the information and his/her photo to be posted under the current Urology Care Foundation-supported research at www.UrologyHealth.org and www.auanet.org and used in press releases and other promotional materials for the program. The statement and photograph should be submitted via the application submission system at https://aua.versaic.com no later than Thursday, September 8, 2016, 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. These items will not be shared with reviewers and will not impact the review process or funding decisions.

PLEASE NOTE: The AUA Office of Research strongly recommends that, prior to submission, all applicants send their applications through both institutional scientific review (where available) and appropriate institutional grant administration review at their home institutions to optimize grant quality and ensure consistency with institutional policies.
III. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

A. APPLICATION REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

All applications are evaluated by a peer review panel of expert physician-scientists and researchers. Each application is considered according to established criteria for determining merit as described below.

Following the completion of peer review and from the pool of applications deemed fundable, available awards will then be matched. Since the process of matching highly meritorious applications with available awards is complex, it must be understood that the highest scoring applications from peer review are not automatically funded; however, every effort is made to support all of the applications of highest merit. All funding decisions must be approved by the AUA Director of Research and Research Council Chair.

Other than choosing a one-year or two-year award, applicants cannot designate the funding source(s)/award(s) for which they are applying. Applications for research that will be conducted outside of the boundaries of the AUA sections will be considered only for the Endourological Society Award, Endourological Society/Raju Thomas, MD Research Scholar Award, Joseph Segura Research Scholar Award in Endourology and Stone Management, the Indian American Urological Association/Sakti Das, MD Research Scholar Award, and the Indian American Urological Association/Kalish Kedia, MD Research Scholar Award, when available. Applicants that qualify for the Endourological Society or Indian American Urological Association awards should contact the Office of Research at grantsmanager@auanet.org for additional information.

All review processes are conducted confidentially to maintain the integrity of the selection process. Peer review panel members sign a nondisclosure statement that application and evaluation information will not be disclosed outside the panel. Violations of confidentiality can result in the voiding of peer review results and other corrective actions. In addition, the applicant, mentor(s), and other individuals involved in or otherwise standing to benefit from the application’s funding are prohibited from contacting persons involved in the review process to gain protected evaluation information or to influence the evaluation process. Violations of these prohibitions will result in the disqualification of the application.

B. REVIEW CRITERIA

Applicant

- To what degree the applicant’s achievements (as reflected by awards, honors, previous publications, etc.) indicate his or her potential for a successful career in urologic research.

- To what degree the applicant’s stated career goals and the letters of support indicate a strong commitment to pursuing urologic disease research throughout his or her career.

- Whether the applicant’s proposed level of effort is appropriate for successful training and completion of the proposed work.
Mentor(s)

- To what degree the letter of support from each mentor demonstrates the applicant’s potential for an independent career in urology research and includes a realistic time frame for the applicant’s research project.

- To what degree the mentor(s) has/have demonstrated strong support for both the research project and the applicant.

- To what degree the mentor or mentoring has the required expertise and track record, especially in relation to urologic disease research, to provide sufficient scientific guidance and oversight for the research project and training.

- To what degree the preparation of the application demonstrates appropriate guidance from the mentor(s) (mentor/s are required to state their involvement in the application process on the Application Agreement Form).

Research Project

- To what degree the research project is appropriately designed and will provide the applicant with a research experience and training to promote the development of a successful career in urologic research.

- To what degree the experimental plan is appropriately designed to achieve the aims of the project and achieve them within the proposed time frame. Expected results, likely obstacles and potential alternative strategies, should be discussed.

- Whether there is evidence that the applicant is contributing his or her own expertise in an area, either technical or conceptual (e.g., the project is the applicant's own idea), as opposed to simple extensions of ongoing projects of the mentor(s).

- To what degree the proposed project is likely to help the applicant transition into a more advanced academic position.

- To what degree the application is well organized, clearly presented, and suggests the applicant's ability to think clearly and to present an argument in a logical, compelling way.

Institution

- To what degree the institution provides a training environment with ongoing urologic disease research that will promote the development of the applicant.

C. NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION REVIEW RESULTS

Awardees will be notified of funding decisions via the application submission system and in writing via email. To prevent emails from the submission system from being identified as spam, it is strongly recommended to add noreply@system.versaic.com to your address book or safe sender list (to learn more, go to www.versaic.com/spamhelp). An initial communication will advise the applicant whether or not his or her application will be funded. Regardless of funding status, the applicant will be provided with a summary statement of his or her application’s review in a separate communication, typically within 30 business days following the funding notification. Please note that results will not be given over the phone.
AWARD REQUIREMENTS

All Urology Care Foundation Research Scholar Award recipients must adhere to the requirements described below.

A. PUBLICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Awardees are required to send the Urology Care Foundation electronic copies of articles published based on their Research Scholar Award-funded research. Any publication arising from work supported by the Urology Care Foundation should include the following acknowledgment:

“This work was supported in part by the Urology Care Foundation Research Scholar Award Program and [SPONSOR NAME].”

B. UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION RESEARCH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Each year, the AUA and the Urology Care Foundation coordinate several events designed to advance urologic research and provide educational venues, especially for early-career investigators. Attendance at the Urology Care Foundation Research Honors Program and the AUA Research Forum/Grantwriting Workshop, both held at the AUA Annual Meeting, is required for all investigators funded by the Urology Care Foundation. In addition, depending on eligibility or relevance of the topic to the awardee’s research, attendance at the Early-Career Investigators Workshop, Summer Research Conference, Basic Sciences Symposium, and Urologic Oncology Research Symposium may also be required. Unless prior approval is given, failure to attend an event may disqualify the awardee from receiving a Urology Care Foundation award or payments. Travel awards or other means of travel support may be available for many events.

- **Urology Care Foundation Research Honors Program:** All Urology Care Foundation Scholars are acknowledged at this program held during the AUA Annual Meeting. Attending the program is required for all investigators funded by the Urology Care Foundation. Even though the first event will take place prior to the beginning of the award funding period, newly selected scholars are required to attend and should plan accordingly.

- **Basic Sciences Symposium:** The Basic Sciences Symposium, held annually at the AUA Annual Meeting, is a premier research event attracting basic scientists, surgeon-scientists, and other urology investigators from various specialties. Past program topics include stem cells and nanotechnology, inflammation and fibrosis, new perspectives in pelvic health, and aging and urologic manifestations. If the topic is associated with the research being conducted by the awardee, he or she is required to attend the symposium.

- **Urologic Oncology Research Symposium:** The intent of this symposium is to create synergies and foster collaboration in genitourinary oncology by bringing together scientists and clinicians at all career levels in a stimulating and interactive setting. The information discussed and shared during this meeting is expected to catalyze the translation of laboratory research to practical application. It is also intended to serve as a forum where early-career investigators can interact with leaders in a host of disciplines related to urologic cancers. If the topic is associated with the research being conducted by the awardee, he or she is required to attend the symposium.
• **Funding Opportunities and Grantwriting Workshop:** Each year at the AUA Annual Meeting, an educational course may be offered to assist researchers in identifying and understanding sources of funding and improving their grantwriting skills. The course provides information on where to find grant opportunities, preparing an effective grant application, and peer review processes. Representatives from federal agencies are typically in attendance to provide information on current funding opportunities. All investigators funded by the Urology Care Foundation are required to attend the Grantwriting Workshop if it is offered. There may be a fee associated with the course.

• **AUA Research Forum – Early-Career Investigators Showcase:** Each year at the AUA Annual Meeting, the Research Forum provides a venue showcasing the research of promising early-career investigators. All investigators funded by the Urology Care Foundation are required to attend the Research Forum.

• **AUA Summer Research Conference:** The Summer Research Conference provides an intense and intimate forum for early-career investigators to meet research leaders, hear about emerging research concepts and methods, network with participants and speakers, learn about new methods and techniques, and receive mentoring and advice on research career activities. The conference is typically held each August and has a different scientific theme and scientific topic each year. If the topic is associated with the research being conducted by the awardee, he or she is expected to attend the conference.

• **Early-Career Investigators Workshop:** The goal of this workshop is to motivate and support early-career scientists and urologists by providing an outstanding program of mentoring, career development, and scientific perspectives presented by leaders in the field. The program agenda may include an overview of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disorders (NIDDK) and National Cancer Institute (NCI) grant mechanisms, a mock scientific peer review study section, and faculty presentations on mentorship and career development. Attendees also participate in working sessions that provided opportunities for 1-on-1 instruction from faculty advisors with concrete guidance for improving current or developing grant applications, as well as roundtable discussions with experts on federal funding opportunities.

C. REPORTING

**PLEASE NOTE:** Failure to adhere to reporting requirements and/or provide appropriate documentation may result in a delay in payments, repayment of any or all Urology Care Foundation funds previously paid to the institution, and/or termination of the award. Unless approved by the institution and the Urology Care Foundation, failure to complete the duration of the research period may result in repayment of funds to the Urology Care Foundation.

1. **INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT FOR TWO-YEAR SCHOLARS**

One month prior to the end of year one (June 1\textsuperscript{st}), each two-year scholar must submit an interim progress report and personal statement. The second year of funding is contingent upon satisfactory year one progress reports. The report must be submitted to the AUA Office of Research electronically at grantsmanager@auanet.org. Under separate cover, the mentor must submit electronically at grantsmanager@auanet.org a confidential statement evaluating the scholar’s performance, progress on the funded research and for MD (or equivalent) awardees only, how the awardee will allocate the
research/clinical time for the remainder of the scholarship in order to maintain the required 50% effort.

2. INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

During the award period, at the request of the Urology Care Foundation, the Institutional Grant Administrator must submit an Institutional Accountability Report to the AUA Office of Research no later than December 31st of each funding year. This report re-affirms that the institution is adhering to all terms of the Program Announcement and Application Agreement, especially the provisions of institutional support and level of effort requirements. Continued funding is contingent upon receipt of a satisfactory report. A final Institutional Accountability Report should be included in the Final Progress Report package, which is due within 30 days of the end of the award period of performance, typically July 30.

3. FINAL REPORT

Awardee Report

Within 30 days of the end of the award period of performance (typically July 30), the awardee must submit a final report electronically to the AUA Office of Research by emailing grantsmanager@auanet.org. The report should:

1) Summarize the main focus of the research, clearly state the findings, and specify how the research results met the objectives established in the application.

2) Include a personal statement from the awardee on his or her experience during the award period, how the funding provided by Urology Care Foundation helped the awardee’s overall professional growth (i.e., career opportunities, potential research focus), and whether the awardee plans to continue within the field of urologic research.

3) Include copies of articles published or in press that were at least in part supported by the Urology Care Foundation award.

4) Include a final financial statement detailing expenditures during the award period

Mentor Report (approximately one page)

Under separate cover, the primary mentor must submit a confidential statement electronically at grantsmanager@auanet.org evaluating the awardee’s performance and detailing the future career plan for the scholar.

4. POST-AWARD REPORTING

At specified time points following the completion of the Urology Care Foundation award (3, 5, and 10 years post-award), the AUA Office of Research will contact previous awardees to collect additional award outcomes information including, but not limited to, publications, funding, invited speakerships and presentations, mentorship, and leadership positions within the AUA or affiliated organizations.
The Urology Care Foundation and the AUA Office of Research request that all past awardees provide updated contact information when appropriate and be responsive to requests for post-award information.

5. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

If activities involving human subjects are planned during the proposed research, the applicant must provide a letter of approval from the local Institutional Review Board (IRB). IRB letters of approval are not required at the time of application submission. Should the application be selected for funding, the award will be contingent upon receipt by the Urology Care Foundation of a copy of the current IRB approval letter. If IRB approval for the project is not obtained within 90 days of the award performance period start date, the Urology Care Foundation reserves the right to terminate the award.

If activities involving vertebrate animals are planned during the research, the applicant must submit a letter of approval by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). IACUC letters of approval are not required at the time of application submission. Should the application be selected for funding, the award will be contingent upon receipt by the Urology Care Foundation of a copy of the current IACUC approval letter. If IACUC approval for the project is not obtained within 90 days of the award performance period start date, the Urology Care Foundation reserves the right to terminate the award.

D. CHANGES TO PROJECT, PERSONNEL, INSTITUTION, OR FUNDING

Any projects, personnel, or location changes that occur after the application is selected for funding or during the award period must be reported to and approved by the Urology Care Foundation. Typically, proposed changes in trainee will result in award termination. However, exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the Director of Research.

If the awardee is selected for any additional funding from organizations other than the Urology Care Foundation after being selected for a Urology Care Foundation award, the awardee MUST contact the AUA Office of Research to discuss appropriate courses of action. If the awardee does not meet this requirement, return of any used or unused Urology Care Foundation funds may be required.

IV. CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions related to this Program Announcement and application content or submission requirements as well as questions related to the submission of the pre-application should be directed to the AUA Office of Research.

Assistance is typically available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. Response times may vary depending upon the volume of inquiries.

The preferred method of communication is email to grantsmanager@auanet.org. Phone calls, when necessary, can be directed to 410-689-3762.