



### Research Scholars Program

The Research Scholars Program provides an opportunity for young scientists to begin a career in urologic research, when opportunities are greater in direct service. To date, more than 460 researchers have been awarded research scholarships and many remain in academic urology today, continuing to build upon the experience and knowledge gained during their research fellowships. Over \$12 million dollars has been invested in scholars since the program's inception in 1975.

### Summer Research Conference

The Summer Research Conference is a collaborative effort of the AUA Foundation and the Society for Basic Urologic Research. The annual program brings together approximately 100 new investigators and outstanding successful senior researchers in a small, informal scientific meeting environment to allow maximum interactions and opportunity for advancement of urologic research. The meeting includes plenary sessions, panel discussions, and a mentoring dinner event. The theme for the 19<sup>th</sup> Summer Research Conference in 2011 is "Aging and Urologic Diseases".

### Research Leadership Program

The Research Leadership Program partners nine of the brightest rising stars in urology research with three senior investigators who serve as mentors on their path to independent funding. The AUA Foundation provides workshops and networking opportunities to broaden the group's knowledge in the areas of grant writing, advocacy, lab management and research protocols. The inaugural class was selected in January 2008.

### National Urology Research Agenda

The Office of Research also manages the development of the National Urology Research Agenda (NURA) whose purpose is to define the top priority areas in urologic disease research today. Through this project and others, we work with government agencies and the 22 of the 27 institutes and centers of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that fund urologic research, furthering our knowledge of urologic diseases and conditions, including cancer.