

# UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

## 2021 Humanitarian Grant Program

### I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

#### A. GRANTS DESCRIPTION

The UCF Humanitarian Grant Program recognizes and supports individuals and projects that provide direct urologic patient care for impoverished individuals and communities in underserved areas, either in the United States or internationally. In the spirit of true humanitarianism, the program supports individuals who give of themselves without expectation of remuneration and provide services to all equally, impartially and cooperatively.

Grants will be given to AUA members who are pursuing significant and outstanding contributions to humanitarian urologic efforts in improving patient care. Consideration will be given to the nature and scope of contributions, frequency and duration of involvement, positive changes and results for communities, facilities, programs and contributions toward sustainability.

#### B. GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 2021 CYCLE

We expect to have a number of endowments established to provide grants in 2021, designated to support projects in specific areas (e.g., Africa, India) and others more general. Please check back as updates are made to this page.

#### C. TIMELINE

<b>Applications Open:</b>	January 1, 2021
<b>Applications Deadline:</b>	February 28, 2021
<b>Applications Review:</b>	March 2021
<b>Grant Notifications:</b>	April 2021
<b>Award Presentation:</b>	May 2021 (at AUA Annual Meeting)

## D. ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

### Eligibility

1. This program is designated for all AUA members.
2. Applicants must highlight their affiliation with established organizations/programs/projects.
3. Active/Senior/Honorary/International (Board Certified members) are all eligible for grants.
4. Residents/Fellows who apply must be sponsored by and work in collaboration with a board-certified urologist who will provide oversight in connection with the project. Residents/Fellows must provide permission/approval from their institutions to participate in the project.
5. UCF encourages diversity among applicants and associated projects (e.g., racial/ethnic, gender, practice type, domestic/international)

### Exclusions/Restrictions

To reduce perceived conflicts, no current or incoming member of the AUA Board or UCF Board or Review Committee may apply for a grant during their term of service. These individuals will be eligible once their terms have concluded.

Individuals may apply for multiple grants but may win only one grant per year.

### Applications

- All grant applications are due by February 28. Late applications are not accepted.
- All grant applications must be submitted using the online web portal and include:
  1. A completed and signed application which includes evidence of an active medical license and certification by the American Board of Urology (ABU), American Osteopathic Board of Surgery (AOBS), or the certifying board for urology in the country where practicing. (Resident/Fellow applicants must be sponsored by board-certified urologist affiliated with the project).
  2. Letter of invitation or similar evidence of acceptance from entity or organization (e.g., hospital or governmental agency) benefiting from humanitarian assistance in connection with applicant's program.
  3. A description of the program/project which evidences that:
    - a. the applicants professional license is recognized in the host country (either by law or an agreement with the government) or that a local license/certificate is obtained prior to the start of the medical mission.
    - b. the individual surgeons involved (residents, mentors) as well as other potential team members (nurses, anesthesiologists) maintain malpractice insurance or the organization managing the project provides malpractice insurance for all participants.
  4. At least one letter of support from a mentor, institution, peers or patients served. (Resident/Fellow applicants must provide letter of support from program chair at their institution).
  5. Curriculum Vitae
  6. Digital photo of individual
    - High-resolution digital photo in either JPEG or PNG format with a minimum file size of 1MB (1000 KB) but no larger than 4MB (4000 KB). Larger file size photos may be emailed to UCF.
    - Individual photos should have a neutral background.

### Optional supplemental materials may be uploaded

- Brochure about humanitarian work or program

## E. GRANT PAYMENTS

A grant amount of \$4,500 may be awarded annually in connection with each humanitarian endowment. Grant recipients will be expected to use their grant solely to support the mission/project within 12 months of receipt.

## II. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION MATERIALS

### A. ONLINE PORTAL REGISTRATION

Applicants are responsible for composing, compiling, and submitting complete applications electronically via the submission system.

**Electronic Registration:** Individuals must go to the Urology Care Foundation Humanitarian Grants program webpage to view all pertinent information regarding the program and must submit all documents electronically using the link provided. The materials may be uploaded to the site within the application all at once, or they can be saved as a "draft" and they may be submitted up until the due date of **February 28, 2021**.

### B. ONLINE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Step-by-step instructions for submitting nominations will be posted on the Foundation website when applications open on January 1<sup>st</sup>. For those wishing to collect information prior to submission, key application questions are provided below:

#### *Application Questions*

1. Provide the name and address of the humanitarian organization (for which the project is affiliated).
2. List the number of years this volunteer program has been in existence.
3. In a typical year, how frequently do you participate in surgical volunteer activity?
4. Community. In one sentence describe the community where the volunteer work takes place.

For example:

- Underserved region with limited access to medical care
- Emergency or disaster response
- Area of war or political strife

5. Contributions. In one to two sentences, describe the nature of your contributions.

For example:

- Surgical Clinical Care
- General Medicine
- Training Medical Personnel
- Advocacy efforts to improve health care
- Infrastructure donations (buildings, medical supplies/medical equipment)

- Preventative Care Programs (vaccinations, hygiene)
6. Frequency and Duration. In one to two sentences, describe the frequency and duration of volunteer work. Include the following information (500 characters):
    - Year volunteer work began
    - Year volunteer work ended (or indicate ongoing)
    - Frequency of volunteer work (periodic, twice a year, annually, every other year)
  7. Impact. Describe the positive changes that have resulted or are expected to result from your surgical humanitarian activities.

For example:

- Strengthening existing program
  - Creation of new education program
  - Alleviate urologic condition/diseases
8. Sustainability. Describe the long-term contributions towards sustainability for the facility or community served.
  9. Personal Statement. Provide a personal statement of interest on why you are motivated to serve.
  10. Attachments. Please upload the following supplemental items required for the grant application.
    - Required
      - Letter of invitation from host country (if outside U.S.) or other evidence of project request and permission for project to be performed in host country
      - One Letter of Recommendation (from current employer, Program Director or volunteer/colleague)
      - Required for residents only
        - Letter from sponsoring board-certified urologist overseeing project
        - Letter of support/availability to participate from Program Chair/Director
      - Curriculum Vitae
      - Proof of medical liability insurance (discuss with Diane)
    - Optional document uploads
      - Local or national media coverage (PDF articles)
      - Other recognition for volunteer project (e.g., awards, citations)

### III. CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions related to this Program Announcement or submission requirements should be directed to [info@urologycarefoundation.org](mailto:info@urologycarefoundation.org). Assistance is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. Response times may vary depending upon the volume of inquiries. Phone calls, when necessary, can be directed to 410-689-3926.