

UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

2022 Humanitarian Grant Program

I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

A. GRANTS DESCRIPTION

The Urology Care Foundation (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.

Grants will be given to American Urological Association (AUA) members who are pursuing significant and outstanding contributions to humanitarian urologic efforts in improving patient care. Consideration will be given to the scope, frequency, impact and sustainability of the program.

B. GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR 2022 CYCLE

The following three grants will support projects either within or outside the United States, without country/region or other specific requirement.

1. **AUA/UCF Endowment.** Funded by the American Urological Association.
2. **UCF/Richard J. Fox Family Endowment.** Funded by the Richard J. Fox Family.
3. **UCF/Nathirmal Lalchandani, MD Endowment.** Funded by Dr. Ram M. Lalchandani.

Four grants will support projects with country/region or other specific requirement*

4. ***UCF/Endourological Society, Raju and Ginny Thomas Endowment.** Funded by Dr. Raju and Ginny Thomas, this grant supports projects **either within or outside the United States. Applicants must be members of the Endourological Society.***
5. ***UCF/IAUA Endowment.** Funded by the Indian American Urological Association, this grant supports projects **specifically within the country of India.***
6. ***UCF/Amerson Family Endowment.** Funded by Dave Amerson and family, this grant supports projects **specifically within the United States inner cities, priority will be given to mission work focused on minorities.***
7. ***Exelixis Grant.** Funded by Exelixis, this grant supports projects **specifically within the United States, and preferably focused on Urologic Cancers (cancers that affect the urinary tract, bladder, kidneys, ureter, prostate, testicles, penis or adrenal gland).**

Applicants will be considered for all awards with which they are eligible.

C. TIMELINE

Applications Open:	January 1, 2022
Applications Deadline:	February 28, 2022
Applications Review:	March 2022
Grant Notifications:	April 2022
Grant Presentation:	May 14, 2022 (at AUA Annual Meeting)

D. ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

UCF encourages diversity among applicants and associated projects (e.g., racial/ethnic, gender, practice type, domestic/international).

Eligibility

1. This program is designated for AUA members (Active, Senior, Honorary and International) who are Board certified urologists and for Resident/Fellow members who are sponsored by and work in collaboration with a board-certified urologist providing oversight in connection with the project. Residents/Fellows also must provide permission/approval from their institutions to participate in the project.
2. Applicants must highlight their affiliation with established organizations/programs/projects.

Exclusions/Restrictions

To reduce perceived conflicts, current or incoming member of the AUA Board, UCF Board or Humanitarian Grants Review Committee may not apply for a grant during their term of service.

Eligible individuals may apply for multiple grants but may be awarded only one grant per year.

Applications

- All grant applications are due on or before 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, including 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 acceptance from entity or organization (e.g., hospital or governmental agency) benefiting from humanitarian assistance in connection with applicant's program and stating success of program's prior activity.
 3. A description of the program/project, including evidence that:
 - a. the applicant's 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
- Articles, media/press coverage about the humanitarian work or program

E. GRANT PAYMENTS

Each grant pays the amount of \$4,500 and grant recipients are expected to use their grant solely to support the mission/project, within 12 months of receipt.

Note: The Urology Care Foundation does not provide for indirect costs in addition to or as part of the funding provided through the Humanitarian Grant.

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 create an application record to submit all documents electronically using the link provided. Applications and supporting materials may be uploaded to the site and submitted all at once, or can be saved as a “draft” and submitted through the due date of **February 28, 2022**.

B. ONLINE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Step-by-step instructions for submitting applications are provided via the online system. 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 Served. 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
 - 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 the AUA Committee Affairs Department commaff@auanet.org or 410-689-3926. Assistance is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.