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<b>Chair</b>	Aria F. Olumi MD
<b>Terms of Office</b>	<b>Chair:</b> 4-year term (may be extended for an additional 2 years) <b>Members:</b> 4-year term (renewable once)

### Council Makeup

Council shall consist of the chairs of the designated component committees (ex officio voting) and at least one member from each AUAER Section. Per AUA Bylaws, each Section shall be entitled to select one representative for each 800 voting members enrolled by that Section during any year. The AUA will request Sections to submit the names and CVs of three candidates that meet the member qualifications listed in this profile. Additional supplemental member criteria may also be required as defined by the Research Chair and Director of Research. Per affiliation agreements, there are also three members from the Society for Basic Urology Research and one Dornier MedTech Corporation representative.

Note: The SBUR appoints their President, Vice-President and President-elect to serve as their three representatives on the Council and these positions rotate at the fall SBUR meeting.

### Mission Statement

The Council supports the research component of AUAER's mission by advising and facilitating advancement of the Office of Research and its efforts to advance research through funding, education, and advocacy. The Council's mission is to increase and maintain the workforce of urology physician-scientists and researchers to catalyze the advancement of clinical practice to reduce the burden of urologic disease through impactful research.

The functions and activities of this Council shall be assigned to component committees including but not limited to 1) the Research Education, Conferences, and Communications Committee and 2) the Research Grants and Investigator Support Committee, and including a strong relationship with the Research Advocacy Committee, which reports to the AUA Public Policy Council. In addition, the Research Council Chair, in consultation with the Director of Research and the Research Grants and Investigator Support Committee Chair, shall appoint a Research Grant Review Panel to peer review applications for Urology Care Foundation and AUAER research grants, as well as other ad hoc workgroups for specific research-related activities.

### Council Meetings

The Research Council typically meets in person once each calendar year at AUA HQ, typically in Fall, but subject to change. In addition, there are two annual teleconferences that occur each year to ensure that the Council maintains appropriate oversight of Office of Research programs. Other meetings of the Council are limited but may occur in person or by teleconference as deemed necessary by the Chair, Director of Research, or AUA Chief Executive Officer.

### Time Commitment

*Chair:* 8-10 hours per week

*Member:* 1 hour per month (average) (some Council members also serve on a Research Committee, which has additional service requirements)



## Responsibilities

*Chair:* In executing responsibilities, the Chair of Research will report to the Board of Directors and will chair the Research Council and oversee its Committees. The Chair must work in a mutually effective and collaborative manner with the Director of the Office of Research to help coordinate and implement research activities. The Chair's efforts will include teleconferences and meetings with staff, AUA- or Urology Care Foundation-funded investigators, AUA Research Committees, and representatives of external organizations/agencies, as well as providing a presentation to the AUA Board of Directors three times a year. This time commitment includes travel up to 30 days annually for attendance at AUA's Annual Meeting, fall AUA and Urology Care Foundation Board of Directors meetings, leadership meetings with NIH institute officials, and interaction with other AUA/Urology Care Foundation Councils supporting funding, education, advocacy activities.

## Members:

- Be available to participate in Council meetings, workshops and sub-committee activities
- Work collaboratively and effectively with the Research Council Chair, other members of the Research Council and the Office of Research staff
- Serve as active liaisons between the Research Council and their sections/organizations by attending meetings and providing status reports on activities of the council and urologic research in general

## Qualifications

### *Chair:*

- Be a nationally recognized thought leader in urologic research with vision, enthusiasm and interest for the spectrum of urologists and others advancing urologic research, from early-career to established investigators, to move both individual research and the field of urology forward;
- Be well-versed in, and a champion for, the academic mission with a robust program of research including current or recent independent research funding and a strong track record of achievement in clinical urology and urologic research as evidenced by funding and publications;
- Be a master of communication, able to effectively convey complex scientific content to the AUA and Urology Care Foundation Boards of Directors and staff and generate understanding of and enthusiasm for research priorities and initiatives;
- Be extensively networked within the AUA community of urologists, other urologic researchers, and other AUA stakeholders;
- Possess strong skills in outreach, diplomacy, and negotiation;
- Possess NIH Study Section review experience and familiarity with NIH institute (e.g., NIDDK, NCI, NIA, NICHD) operating procedures and leadership;
- Be available for frequent communications with members of the Boards of Directors and staff of the AUA and Urology Care Foundation;
- Possess experience in institutional budget planning, development and maintenance;
- Be certified by the American Board of Urology, an Active Member of the AUA, and active in the practice of urology at the time of assumption of the position; and
- Comply with AUA's Disclosure and Conflict of Interest Policy, thereby divesting himself/herself of any governance role, consultant or advisor, paid lecturer or paid attendee directly from pharmaceutical and/or medical device prior to and throughout the term of office for this AUA policy-making position. Dissolve any



philanthropic relationship/role that may be deemed in conflict with responsibilities as AUA Chair of Research.

### *Members:*

All Council members, except those mandated by contractual obligations, should meet the following criteria to qualify for appointment to the Council:

- The first representative from all Sections must be a urologist. The second section representative is encouraged to be a Ph.D. (or equivalent) researcher, but may be a M.D. (or equivalent) from another specialty, or another individual with an advanced degree who is active in urologic research. The third section representative may be a urologist or fit any of the other categories listed.
- Have a strong track record of achievement in urologic disease research as evidenced by:
  - A history of multiple investigator-initiated, peer-reviewed, research funding grants as the Principal Investigator (or Co-PI), and sustained (three years or more) funding of at least one R01-type grant from agencies under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Veterans Affairs (VA) or the Department of Defense (DoD), and
  - A history of publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals in areas of basic, translational and/or clinical research related to urology.
- Be active in research-related service, including service on HHS, VA, or DoD peer review; and in research-related associations, organizations, and societies.

### **Recent Accomplishments 2018**

The Research Council has governance responsibility over the activities of the two Research council subcommittees. Some of the programs and initiatives that the Council has guided and approved include:

- Development of a **Curriculum of Research Education** courses to enhance research training of MD and PhD urology researchers through useful, sought-after, and affordable courses for national and international audiences. The first course, "Writing a Successful Career Development Award Application," was opened in November 2018.
- Conducting the **2018 AUA Early-Career Investigator Workshop (ECIW)** at the AUA Headquarters on October 11-13, which hosted 32 participants for an enhanced program. Twelve faculty mentors participated, as well as representatives from the NCI, NIDDK, NIA, DoD, VA, American Cancer Society, and AUA, who provided education on successful grant applications. Participants of the ECIW have garnered nearly \$8 million in research funding post-workshop.
- Hosting six **Scientific Symposia** at the AUA Annual Meeting and the AUA Headquarters.
- Completing an **PhD Scientist Research Workforce Survey** to determine current trends in basic scientist engagement and support in urologic research and ensure optimal design of Urology Care Foundation research award programs.
- Launching the **Urology Scientific Mentoring and Research Training (USMART) Academy** to provide eternal mentoring by established investigators in urologic research to early-career investigators developing their independent research careers.
- Selecting the inaugural awardee for the Physician Scientist Residency Training Award program, which supports 3 years of intensive research training within urology residency.
- Collaborating with the Research Advocacy Committee to grow relationships with the **NCI, NICHD, NIA, NIEHS, and NIAID** in an effort to secure **representation** of urologic research on advisory councils and enhance funding for urologic research.