UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION
PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR THE

2016 Rising Stars in Urology Research 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 awards, including application receipt and review, as well as grant management. For any questions related to administration of awards or applications, see Section V. Contact Information of this Program Announcement.

B. AWARD INFORMATION

The Urology Care Foundation recognizes the need to enable physician-scientists with the training, tools, and resources to succeed as independent researchers in urology. A major need identified in the community of physician-scientists is protected time to conduct research, which is typically difficult to establish when balancing with urology practice needs. Therefore, to encourage physician-scientists who have shown significant promise by successfully competing for career development awards from federal and other funding sources, and to promote their pursuit of additional education and training in urologic research, the Urology Care Foundation developed the **Rising Stars in Urology Research Award** program. This program provides supplemental salary support to physician-scientist career development award recipients to ensure that their protected time for research remains stable and that their salary compensation is more competitive with their non-research urology faculty peers. Salary supplements will be awarded for a period of up to five years, with an escalating payment each year.

Rising Stars in Urology Research awards are made possible through endowed funds generously established by Astellas, Inc. and the Frank and Marion Hinman Urology Research Fund.

C. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

To be eligible to compete for a 2016 Urology Care Foundation Rising Stars in Urology Research Award, the applicant must, by July 1, 2016:

- Be a board-certified or -eligible urologist, or participating in a training program to obtain board certification in urology;
- Have successfully competed for a new externally-funded, peer-reviewed, career development award\(^1\) (i.e., K07/K08/K23 awards from the NIH, or career development-type grants from the Department of Defense, American Cancer Society or others); and
- Have at least two full years remaining on the period of performance for the career development award.

\(^1\) Questions regarding whether or not awards qualify as career development awards should be directed to the Office of Research, see Section V. Contact Information of this Program Announcement.
Previous applicants for Rising Stars Awards are eligible to reapply. However, previous applicants must describe in their new applications any steps they have taken to address the criticisms from the peer review of the previous application (See Section C.4.).

To be eligible for this award, the application must be focused on a research project that aligns with one or more of the research priorities described in the AUA’s National Urology Research Agenda (NURA), available at [http://www.auanet.org/research/national-urology-research-agenda.cfm](http://www.auanet.org/research/national-urology-research-agenda.cfm). In addition, the research project must be conducted within the boundaries of the eight sections of the AUA.

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 Rising Stars in Urology Research Award.

D. FUNDING INFORMATION

1. AWARDS AVAILABLE

One award is available for the 2016 Rising Stars in Urology Research Award competition. The award has a maximum duration of five years. The length of the award period is determined by the length of time remaining on the awardee’s externally-funded career development award. Applicants must have at least two full years remaining on the career development award by July 1, 2016.

2. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

In each award year, the Rising Stars in Urology Research Award funds will be paid directly to the awardee. The Urology Care Foundation does not withhold taxes from awards (i.e., federal withholding, social security, local or state taxes, etc.). Awards are solely for the purpose of salary supplementation and cannot be used for fringe benefits.

The salary supplementation starts at $28,000 and increases each award year based on the following schedule: year 2, $33,000; year 3, $40,000; year 4, $46,000; and year 5, $52,000. To qualify for subsequent years’ funding, each awardee will be required to meet specific milestones detailed in the Reporting Requirements. The awardee’s eligibility for maintaining the award is also contingent on the awardee maintaining an externally-funded career development award.

The Urology Care Foundation does not allow indirect costs in association with any of its awards.

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 for the project. More than one mentor per project is both permitted and recommended if the project is highly translational or multidisciplinary. Each mentor
must provide a Mentor Letter of Support and complete the required mentor sections within the Application Agreement.

Institutions should encourage the submission of applications from all of their eligible 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 and provided that multiple awards are available. 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 2016 Urology Care Foundation Rising Stars in Urology Research Award program site at [http://www.auanet.org/research/rising-star-in-urology-research-awards-84.cfm](http://www.auanet.org/research/rising-star-in-urology-research-awards-84.cfm) to view all pertinent information regarding the program, including downloading of the Application Agreement Form.

**B. LETTER OF INTENT**

To facilitate planning for peer review, applicants are asked to submit a letter of intent no later than **Thursday, May 19, 2016.** The letter of intent is highly recommended, but is neither required nor binding and does not enter into the review of a subsequent application. The letter of intent should be submitted as one cohesive document and include the following:

1. Descriptive title of proposed research
2. Name, address, and telephone number of the applicant
3. Name, address, and telephone number of the mentor(s)
4. Career Development Award identification and performance period dates
5. Participating institution(s)
6. A brief project description (no longer than one paragraph)

There is no approval process for the letter of intent. Applicants should assume that they have permission to apply but are not bound to apply. The letter of intent should be submitted by **e-mail no later than May 19, 2016** to grantsmanager@auanet.org.

**C. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE**

Prepare and submit the application package to include all documents in the same order as shown below. The application package 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.

1. Application Agreement Form

The applicant must download and complete the Application Agreement Form (please TYPE all information in the application agreement form except where signatures are requested). This form must be completed in its entirety, including all necessary signatures and grant administrator contact information.
The mentor 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. Career Development Award Notification Letter² (no page limit)
This will serve as documentation of the receipt of a career development-type award and should indicate the period of performance for the award.

3. Career Development Award Application² (no page limit)
Provide a copy of the application submitted for your career development-type award. This should be the entire application as originally submitted, including all components (e.g., project description, biosketches, budget, etc.)

4. Career Development Award (and Previous Rising Stars Application, if applicable) Peer Review Summary Statement and Scores²
Provide a copy of the peer review summary statements and scores that you received for your career development-type award (no page limit).

For previous Rising Stars applicants, on clearly titled separate pages (two page limit), include a detailed statement of steps you have taken to address the summary critiques of the previous review.

5. Letter(s) of Support (two-page limit per individual mentor letter; four-page limit for combined letter)
The application must contain one Letter of Support from each mentor or a combined letter from all mentors.

The Letter(s) of Support should describe the applicant’s career development program and the mentor’s specific involvement in and commitment to providing career development and mentorship in urologic research. Specifically, the letter(s) 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 developing early-career investigators;
- Research environment, including ongoing urologic disease research and how it will promote the development of the applicant; and
- Mentor’s plan to support the research project and guide the applicant.

6. Letter of Support from Urology Department Chair (two-page limit)
Provide a letter from the Urology Department Chair documenting support for the applicant, with emphasis on the amount of protected time for research.

7. Relevance Statement (one-page limit)
Provide a statement from the applicant explaining relevance of the research project to the NURA research priorities. The NURA can be accessed at http://www.auanet.org/research/national-urology-research-agenda.cfm.

² Career development award notifications, applications, and summary statements and scores are confidential documents that the applicant must choose to disclose. However, these items are required for this competition and will be kept confidential by the AUA Office of Research and Urology Care Foundation.
8. Applicant Biosketch and Career Plan (six-page limit)

Include the applicant’s curriculum vitae or biosketch (five pages, NIH-style recommended but not required) and a statement of future career goals and plans (one page). The statement of career goals and plans may include 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.

9. Mentor Biosketch(es) (five-page limit per person)

Include a biosketch for each mentor (NIH-style recommended but not required). These should be versions updated from those submitted for the original Career Development Award.

10. 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

The application package must be submitted ELECTRONICALLY at http://www.auanet.org/research/rising-star-in-urology-research-awards-84.cfm no later than Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 5:00 pm LOCAL TIME. Applicants should allow ample time for composing, compiling, and submitting materials. Late or non-electronic submissions will NOT be considered.

D. CHECKLISTS FOR APPLICANT AND MENTOR

To complete the application package, combine all documents in the appropriate order into a single PDF file prior to submission as described in the box above.

1. APPLICANT CHECKLIST

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Item 3: Career Development Award Application

Item 4: Career Development Award (and Previous Rising Stars Application, if applicable) Peer Review Summary Statement and Scores

Item 6: Letter of Support from Urology Department Chair (two-page limit)

Item 7: Relevance Statement (one-page limit)

Item 8: Applicant Biosketch and Career Plan (six-page limit)

Item 10: Abstract (one-page limit)

Supplement: Lay Statement and Photographs (described below; submit separately from application)

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2. MENTOR CHECKLIST

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

The applicant must submit two separate documents:

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 as a word or pdf file (save the file as, “Last name, First name_Lay Statement” i.e., “Smith, John_Lay Statement”) and

2) a headshot photograph as a jpeg file (save the file as, “Last name, First name_Photo” i.e., “Smith, John_Photo”). 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 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 e-mail to grantsmanager@auanet.org no later than Thursday, June 9, 2016 with “2016 Rising Stars Award Lay Statement and Photo” as the subject line. 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, the most highly meritorious applications will be matched to the available awards. All funding decisions must be approved by the AUA Director of Research and AUA Research Council Chair.

All review processes are conducted confidentially to maintain the integrity of the selection process. Panel members sign a nondisclosure statement that all 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, publications, presentations at national meetings, 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 mentor(s) demonstrates a strong commitment to the applicant’s career development, with a well-developed mentoring plan.
- To what degree the mentor or mentoring team has the required expertise and track record, in relation to urologic disease research, to provide sufficient scientific guidance and oversight for the research project and training.

Research Project

- To what degree the project is highly meritorious according to the career development application, critiques, and scores.
- To what degree the proposed project is likely to help the applicant transition into a more advanced academic position.
• To what degree the project addresses a priority area of research according to the National Urology Research Agenda.

**Institution**

• To what degree the institution provides a supportive, well-resourced environment with protected time for research to promote the development of the applicant.

**C. NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION REVIEW RESULTS**

Awardees will be notified of funding decisions in writing via email no later than August 2016. 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 days following the funding notification. Please note that results will not be given over the phone. A Notice of Award letter will be issued to notify the grantee that an award has been made and specify the terms and conditions of an award, i.e., dates of the budget period, dollars committed or obligated, etc.
IV. AWARD REQUIREMENTS

This award mechanism is provided on a contract basis. Each awardee is required to develop a grant application for funding as an independent investigator (e.g., NIH R01 or R21, DoD Idea Development Award, etc.) no later than the fourth or penultimate funding year to be submitted to the NIH, DoD, VA, or other funding agency, no later than the first quarter of the fifth or final funding year.

Awardees understand and acknowledge that payments for the Rising Stars in Urology Research Award will be made directly to them and they may be personally responsible for repayment of funds provided by the award in the case that they relinquish the award or fail to meet the obligations of the award described in this Program Announcement. 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 awardee to ensure that appropriate federal and local taxes are accounted for.

Milestones have been developed to assess progress over the period of performance. Progress to milestones will be evaluated annually. If annual milestones are not reached, the awardee risks becoming ineligible for further support, may be withdrawn from the program, and may risk having to repay the support provided in the previous year. The milestones are:

- Years 1–5:
  - Submit progress reports on May 1 and November 1 of each funding year after the first six months of Urology Care Foundation funding.
  - Attend the annual interview (typically conducted during the AUA Annual Meeting) and provide requested information in a timely manner.
  - Attain timely achievement of career development objectives and research specific aims described in the career development grant, or provide justification for any variances.

- Penultimate Year: To be eligible for the final year of funding, the awardee must develop an application for funding as an independent investigator (e.g., NIH R01 or R21, DoD Idea Development Award, etc.) no later than the fourth or penultimate funding year. The expectation is that the application developed for funding as an independent investigator would be submitted to the funding agency no later than the first quarter of the fifth or final funding year.

- Remain in academic practice for a minimum of the number of years equal to the number of years of support provided. If this obligation is not met, repayment to the Urology Care Foundation will be required, in addition to the repayment amount to be determined at the exclusive discretion of the Urology Care Foundation.

In addition, all Rising Stars in Urology Research Award recipients must adhere to the requirements described below.

A. PUBLICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Awardees are required to send the AUA Office of Research electronic copies of articles published based on their Rising Stars in Urology Research-funded research. Any publication arising from work supported in whole or in part by the Urology Care Foundation should include the following acknowledgment:
This work was supported in part by the Urology Care Foundation Rising Stars in Urology Research 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, AUA Research Forum, and the AUA Funding Opportunities and Grantwriting Workshop, all held at the AUA Annual Meeting, is required for all investigators funded by the Urology Care Foundation Rising Stars in Urology Research Award. Attendance at the Early-Career Investigators Workshop, typically held at the AUA Headquarters building in Linthicum, Maryland, is also required. In addition, depending on eligibility or relevance of the topic to the awardee’s research, attendance at the AUA Summer Research Conference, Basic Sciences Symposium, and Urologic Oncology Research Symposium may also be required. The AUA Office of Research also provides several opportunities for funded investigators to present posters at some of these events. Unless prior approval is given, failure to attend an event may disqualify the awardee from receiving a Urology Care Foundation award or payments. AUA, Urology Care Foundation, and other travel awards may be available for many events.

- **Urology Care Foundation Research Honors Program**: All Urology Care Foundation funded investigators 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.

- **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, aging and urologic manifestations, and the microbiome in urologic health and disease. If the topic is relevant to 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 relevant to 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.
• **AUA Research Forum**: Each year at the AUA Annual Meeting, the Research Forum provides a venue showcasing the research of promising early-career investigators. The program will feature approximately ten presentations on innovative, relevant and potential impactful research projects that will be of great interest to the basic and clinical research communities. A judging panel scores the presentations and awards are provided to the top three presenters. 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 has a different scientific topic each year. If the topic is relevant to the research being conducted by the awardee, he or she is required 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 Institutes of Health grant mechanisms with attention to institutes that fund urologic research, a mock scientific peer review study section, and faculty presentations on mentorship and career development. Attendees also participate in working sessions that provide 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 awardee, 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. **PROGRESS REPORTS AND PERSONAL STATEMENTS**

By May 1 and November 1 of each funding year after the first six months of Urology Care Foundation funding, awardees must submit an interim progress report and personal statement. The report must be submitted to the AUA Office of Research electronically. The next year of funding is contingent upon satisfactory progress reports.

In addition, within 30 days of the end of the funding period, the awardee must submit a report electronically to the AUA Office of Research. 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) Provide copies of articles published or in press.

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

**Mentor Report (approximately two pages)**

Under separate cover, the mentor will submit a confidential statement evaluating the awardee’s performance and detailing career development progress.

### 2. POST-AWARD REPORTING

At specified time points following the completion of the Urology Care Foundation award (approximately three, five, 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.

### 3. 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 of a copy of the current IRB approval letter by the Urology Care Foundation. 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 of a copy of the current IACUC approval letter by the Urology Care Foundation. 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 project, 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 PI (i.e., Rising Star awardee) 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.

V. CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions related to this Program Announcement and application content or submission requirements, as well as questions related to the submission of the Letter of Intent, 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.