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## Research News & Funding Digest

### NEW THIS WEEK

#### 2018 AUA Annual Meeting Research Travel Awards

The AUA Office of Research plans to offer travel funds to subsidize a portion of travel and lodging costs associated with attendance to the 2018 Basic Sciences Symposium: "Understanding Disorders and Differences in Sexual Development and Male Infertility." Funding is currently contingent on pending NIH R13 grant support. Applications are encouraged. The applicant must be a student, trainee or early-career investigator within ten years of completing residency or postdoctoral training. **The application deadline is February 16, 2018.**

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#### Applications Due Next Week for Urology Care Foundation Summer Medical Student Fellowships

The AUA is now accepting applications for Urology Care Foundation Summer Medical Student Fellowships! These awards provide stipends for outstanding medical students pursuing urologic research, and support their engagement in ten-week, summer research fellowships alongside world-class urologic scientists. **The application deadline is 5:00PM EST on January 11, 2018.**

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#### Third Global Summit on Precision Diagnosis and Treatment of Prostate Cancer - AdMeTech Foundation

The [Third Global Summit on Precision Diagnosis and Treatment of Prostate Cancer](#) will be held in **Boston, MA** on **August 3-5, 2018**. This meeting is a unique multi-disciplinary forum organized to fill the currently existing gap between the key experts of in vivo imaging, the world authorities in the in vitro fluid- and tissue-based molecular diagnostics, including genomics, and thought leaders in the development of observation strategies (e.g., active surveillance) and novel therapeutic interventions. The goal is to inform the key health care stakeholders about the emerging advances in clinical case and research and create a consensus-based vision for the future of precision care and educational and research strategy for its realization. The Third Global Summit will build on the success of the First and Second Global Summits, which have emerged as the seminal events in recognizing radiogenomics – integrating imaging and molecular diagnostics – as the future of patient care.

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#### NCI - How to Navigate the CTD<sup>2</sup> Dashboard: Access to Translational Data

The [Cancer Target Discovery and Development \(CTD2\)](#) initiative is a community resource project making strides in genomic research to develop effective cancer treatments. The [CTD2 Dashboard](#) enables scientists (computational and non-computational) to find data generated from multiple types of biological and analytical approaches by [CTD2 Network](#).

**Centers** and adheres to the Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Re-usable, or FAIR principles. The CTD2 Dashboard provides access to validated data and the ability to view results assembled across multiple CTD2 Centers' findings. It provides supporting evidence with links to data, references, and the validation strength of evidence referred to by "[Tier](#)." Users can search and browse the Dashboard through gene-centric, compound/perturbation-centric, or disease-relevant concepts and can also read research highlights (stories).

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## IN THE AUA

### Registration Now Open for the 2018 Annual Urology Advocacy Summit

The American Urological Association will host its first independent advocacy summit on **March 12-14, 2018 in Washington D.C.** This new, AUA-led event aims to expand, strengthen and unify the voice of urology on policy matters impacting our practices and patients by bringing together a broad array of stakeholders, including patient advocates and researchers. The conference will host speakers ranging from urologists to patients, government employees and members of Congress. It will also feature training in grassroots lobbying for those new to the process, and opportunities for participants to meet with lawmakers and their staff, and officials from agencies such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services or the National Institutes of Health.

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## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

### NIDDK - Individualizing Treatment for Urinary Incontinence: Evolving Research Questions into Research Plans

The NIDDK will hold the [Individualizing Treatment for Urinary Incontinence](#) meeting on **February 1-2, 2018 in Bethesda, MD.** The goal of this meeting is to build on the ideas generated by the March 2017 meeting to develop fundable, interdisciplinary, investigator-initiated research proposals that will lead to better outcomes for currently available treatments by individualizing them to each patient, considering characteristics across the spectrum from biology to the social determinants of health. Adopting this broader framework for research will require engaging researchers from scientific fields beyond urology. In March 2017, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) hosted *Individualizing Treatment—Broadening the Framework for Urinary Incontinence Research*, where participants reviewed numerous biologic and non-biologic factors that may influence individual treatment success and identified hypotheses and research questions to build the knowledge base that will enable better targeting of existing treatments to appropriate persons with UI. [Read the March 2017 meeting summary.](#)

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### NIH Medical Research Scholars Program

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Medical Research Scholars Program (MRSP) is a comprehensive, year-long research enrichment program designed to attract the most creative, research-oriented medical, dental, and veterinary students to the intramural campus of the NIH in Bethesda, MD. **The application deadline for the 2018-2019 Program is January 12, 2018.**

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### Multidisciplinary Urologic Research (KURE) Career Development Program (K12)

## **Clinical Trial Optional)**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite applications to support institutional career development programs in urological research that will assist MDs, PhDs, and MD/PhDs with an interest in benign urological disease or urological research to develop the skills necessary to initiate and sustain an independent research career in urological research. Research areas supported by this initiative must be related to the mission of the NIDDK. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) allows appointment of Scholars proposing to serve as the lead investigator of an independent clinical trial; or proposing a separate ancillary study to an existing trial; or proposing to gain research experience in a clinical trial led by another investigator, as part of their research and career development. **A letter of intent is required and is due on January 13, 2018.**

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## **NIH Research Project Grant (Parent R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

The NIH Research Project Grant supports a discrete, specified, circumscribed project in scientific areas that represent the investigators' specific interests and competencies and that fall within the mission of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs). The R01 is the original, and historically the oldest, grant mechanism used by the NIH to support health-related research and development. **The application deadline is February 5, 2018.**

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## **Addressing Health Disparities in NIDDK Diseases (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites research to understand and mitigate health disparities in the development, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases of high priority to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). Research is encouraged in the following high priority diseases: diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; obesity; nutrition-related disorders; hepatitis C; gallbladder disease; H. Pylori infection; complications of sickle cell disease within the NIDDK mission areas; kidney diseases; urologic diseases; metabolic, gastrointestinal, hepatic, and renal complications from infection with HIV; and mechanistic research in hematologic diseases, including studies in abnormal hemoglobin synthesis. **The application deadline is February 5, 2018.**

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## **Investigator-Initiated Clinical Trials Targeting Diseases within the Mission of NIDDK (R01 Clinical Trial Required)**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for investigator-initiated clinical trials within the mission of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) to be conducted at no more than two clinical research centers. Applications for clinical trials submitted under this FOA should be hypothesis driven, have clearly described aims and objectives, and have a high likelihood that the trial findings will improve understanding, diagnosis, prevention or treatment of the diseases studied and have the potential to impact clinical practice and/or public health. **The application deadline is February 5, 2018.**

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## **NIDDK Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01 No Independent Clinical Trials)**

The purpose of the NIDDK Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) is to provide support and protected time (three, four, or five years) for an intensive, supervised career development experience in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences leading to research independence. The NIDDK invites K01 applications from experienced postdoctoral (two years minimum) and/or recently appointed junior faculty (usually with a Ph.D. degree) in biomedical or behavioral

sciences who are pursuing careers in research areas supported by the NIDDK. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary study to a clinical trial that is itself comprised of a clinical trial intervention(s). Applicants to this FOA are permitted to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor . Applicants proposing a clinical trial or an ancillary study (that is itself a clinical trial) to an ongoing clinical trial as lead investigator, should apply to the companion FOA (PAR-DK-18-NNN). **The application deadline is February 12, 2018.**

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## NIDDK Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01 - Clinical Trial Required)

The purpose of the NIDDK Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) is to provide support and protected time for an intensive, supervised career development experience in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences leading to research independence. The NIDDK invites K01 applications from experienced postdoctoral (two years minimum) and/or recently appointed junior faculty (usually with a Ph.D. degree) in biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences who are pursuing careers in research areas supported by the NIDDK. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is designed specifically for applicants proposing to serve as the lead investigator of an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or a separate ancillary study to an existing trial, as part of their research and career development. The ancillary study must also meet the NIH clinical trial definition. Applicants not planning an independent clinical trial, or proposing to gain research experience in a clinical trial led by another investigator, must apply to companion FOA (PAR-18-419). **The application deadline is February 12, 2018.**

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## NIH Pathway to Independence Award (Parent K99/R00 - Independent Clinical Trial Required)

The purpose of the NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) program is to increase and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented, NIH-supported, independent investigators. This program is designed to facilitate a timely transition of outstanding postdoctoral researchers with a research and/or clinical doctorate degree from mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. The program will provide independent NIH research support during this transition in order to help awardees to launch competitive, independent research careers. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is designed specifically for applicants proposing to serve as the lead investigator of an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or a separate ancillary study to an existing trial, as part of their research and career development. Applicants not planning an independent clinical trial, or proposing to gain research experience in a clinical trial led by another investigator, must apply to companion FOA (PA-18-398). **The application deadline is February 12, 2018.**

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## Pilot and Feasibility Clinical Research Grants in Urologic Disorders (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support Exploratory/Developmental Research Grants (R21) that propose small scale or pilot and feasibility clinical and translational research studies, including epidemiological studies or clinical trials related to urologic disorders research. Studies should address important clinical and translational questions that are potentially of high clinical and public health impact. It is anticipated that some projects supported by these grants may lead to full-scale clinical studies including diagnostic strategies, epidemiological studies, or randomized clinical trials of prevention, diagnosis or treatment of urologic disorders. **The application deadline is February 16, 2018.**

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## The NCI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00)

The purpose of the NCI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00) is to encourage and retain outstanding graduate students recognized by their institutions for their high potential and strong interest in pursuing careers as independent cancer researchers. The award will facilitate the transition of talented graduate students into successful cancer research postdoctoral appointments, and provide opportunities for career development activities relevant to their long-term career goals of becoming independent cancer researchers. **The application deadline is February 21, 2018.**

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