Urology Care Foundation Residency Research Awards – Now Accepting Pre-Applications

The competition for the Urology Care Foundation Residency Research Award program is now open! These awards provide motivated and exceptional urology residents with six months or one year of funding for mentored research projects that prepare them for careers that include urologic research. Sponsoring institutions provide matching funds and ensure that the awardee receives adequate support for the completion of the project. Pre-applications are required and are due by 5:00 PM EST on December 14, 2017.

Apply Now

Urology Care Foundation Summer Medical Student Fellowships – Now Accepting Applications

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.

Apply Now

SBUR Donald S. Coffey Innovative Research Award Fund - Now Accepting Endowment Support

For many in the Society for Basic Urologic Research (SBUR), Dr. Donald Coffey's influence has been immense. Dr. Coffey, who died suddenly earlier this month, was one of the founders and the second president of the SBUR. He inspired generations of translational scientists and physician-scientists to think about research and solve scientific problems across many disciplines in medicine. Inspired by generous lead gifts in honor of Dr. Coffey by past Presidents of the SBUR Drs. Leland Chung, James Mohler, Natasha Kyprianou and Gail Prins, the SBUR will establish the Donald S. Coffey Innovative Research Awards to continue his mission and passion for science. These awards will be presented to the top-rated, innovative abstracts at the SBUR Annual Meeting and will encourage more investigators with "out of the box" ideas to share their work at the meeting. Many of us remember having chats with Dr. Coffey at the SBUR poster sessions - science innovation was his passion and these awards will encourage more of the best and brightest to come to the SBUR Annual Meeting. These awards are in addition to the Society's Donald S. Coffey Lecture at the annual SBUR spring meeting. In honor of Dr. Coffey and to celebrate his legacy, please consider contributing to the endowment supporting the Donald S. Coffey Innovative Research Awards. Please send checks made out to the SBUR with Coffey Award in note section and mailed to:

The Donald S. Coffey Innovative Research Award Fund
C/o Drew Shifflet
Alternate Driver of Treatment-Resistant Prostate Cancer Identified

According to new research published October 9 in *Cancer Cell*, some metastatic prostate cancers can grow without the help of any type of signaling driven by androgens such as testosterone. Instead, the tumor cells appear to be using a cell-signaling pathway called the fibroblast growth factor (FGF) pathway.

IN THE AUA

Access the Latest Science from the 2017 AUA Annual Meeting!

The 2017 AUA Annual Meeting featured an extraordinary array programs devoted to urologic research! You can now access FREE Webcasts from this year's Basic Sciences Symposium:

- Progenitor Cells and the Origin of Prostate Cancer, Speaker: Michael M. Shen, PhD
- Clinical Trials and Bioethics of Regeneration, Speaker: Carlos R. Estrada Jr., MD
- The First Tissue Engineered Neo-Urinary Conduit Clinical Trial for Complete Organ Replacement: Successes, Pitfalls, Challenges, Speaker: Trinity J. Bivalacqua, MD
- Regenerating and Replacing Organs: Research Ethics and Policy Issues, Speaker: Nancy King, JD
- Bench to Bedside: The Clinical Drug & Device Development Pathways, Speaker: Christopher J. Cutie, MD

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.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

NIH and FDA Regenerative Medicine Innovation Workshop: Focus on Adult Stem Cells

The NIH and FDA are hosting the [Regenerative Medicine Innovation Workshop](#) on **December 6-7, 2017 at the Bethesda North Marriott & Convention Center**. The purpose of the workshop is to explore the state of regenerative medicine science involving adult stem cells with a focus on approaches to the development of safe and effective products. The workshop will identify critical gaps that must be addressed to enable significant innovation and rapid advancement of RM approaches and will explore issues related to product development and standards, regulatory science, and clinical
applications. The framework for sessions in six scientific fields is a set of key questions designed to identify the scientific, technical, and operational challenges as well as to highlight strategies for enabling major transformative advances and the development of clinical applications using adult stem cells.

**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.

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**2017 Diokno/Lapides Essay Contest: Now Accepting Applications!**

Win the most prestigious urology prize in the world and have your innovative ideas recognized among those of the greatest urologists of the past 30+ years. This contest is open to all physicians, PhD scientists, and MD and PhD trainees throughout the world. Essays will be judged in a blinded fashion by an independent panel. Contest winners will be announced on January 8. Winners will then be honored among peers at the AUA National Meeting, and Awards Dinner in San Francisco, CA on May 19, 2018. The essay submission deadline is December 15, 2017.

**NEW DoD Kidney Cancer Research Program Announcements Released, Informational Webinar Available**

Pre-Applications are now being accepted for four different award mechanisms as part of the new Department of Defense (DoD) Kidney Cancer Research Program (KCRP). In an effort to assist researchers from urology and other disciplines in navigating and submitting grant applications, the AUA and its advocacy partners, Action to Cure Kidney Cancer (ACKC), KCCure, and the Kidney Cancer Action Network (KCAN), hosted an informational webinar presented by the DoD's KCRP Program Manager, Dr. Donna M. Kimbark. A recording of this highly-informative webinar is now available online. The Pre-Application deadline for all funding opportunities is December 20, 2017.

**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.**

**View FOA**

**OHF Global Registry Initiative: Open Application Deadline!**

A call for proposals has been issued to develop international collaborative patient registries and databases to identify the determinants of the clinical manifestations and prognosis of patients with primary hyperoxaluria. Financial support will be given to international collaborative projects that develop and make use of well-defined patient cohorts covering a wide range of genetic and cultural backgrounds. **The application deadline is open for this initiative.**

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