HOT ITEMS

**DoD PRCRP Funding: Webinar for Bladder and Kidney Cancer Researchers**

The AUA is hosting an informational webinar for bladder and kidney cancer researchers interested in applying for federal funding through the DoD [Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program](#) (PRCRP). Thanks to the advocacy efforts of the AUA and its partner organizations, bladder cancer was officially added to the list of eligible research topics to compete for federal funding under this program for Fiscal Year 2016. In an effort to assist urologic researchers in navigating this newly-expanded line of funding, the AUA is hosting a webinar led by Dr. Donna M. Kimbark, PRCRP Program Manager, on **May 18, 2016; 3:00–4:00PM EDT**.

Learn More!

**2016 Rising Stars in Urology Research Award Program - Competition Now Open**

The 2016 Rising Stars in Urology Research Award Program provides a total of up to $200,000 for up to five years of supplemental salary support to urologists who have successfully competed for career development awards from NIH or other major funding organizations. The award is intended to ensure that the salary compensation for these motivated individuals who have committed to careers in urologic research remains competitive with that of their clinical urology peers. This highly prestigious award encourages recipients to contribute to urology as both surgical specialists and as scientists investigating causes, prevention, treatment and cures that will improve patients' lives. Letters of Intent are highly encouraged but not required, and are due on May 19, 2016. The application deadline is **June 9, 2016**.

Contact: grantsmanager@auanet.org.

Apply Now!

**NEWS**

**Simulation Research in Gastrointestinal and Urologic Care: Challenges and Opportunities Workshop**

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) and the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) are jointly sponsoring a one-day workshop to be held on Friday, **June 10, 2016**, on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland.
The 11th National Symposium on Prostate Cancer: Save the Date!

The 11th National Symposium on Prostate Cancer, hosted by Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, will be held on September 26–28, 2016. The deadline for abstract submissions is June 15, 2016.

Joint AGS/NIA Conference on Urinary Incontinence: Application Now Available

“Urinary Incontinence in the Elderly: A Translational Research Agenda for a Complex Geriatric Syndrome”—the third in a series of a three-part U13 Bedside-to-Bench Conference—will be held October 16-18, 2016, in Bethesda, MD. Sponsored by the National Institute on Aging and the American Geriatrics Society, the conference will provide attendees with opportunities to learn about cutting-edge research, participate in creating recommendations for future research, and network with colleagues and leaders in the field. Click here for the preliminary conference agenda, and be sure to submit your application by Monday, June 13, 2016. Contact: Anna Mikhailovich.

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Finalizes Research Plan for Prostate Cancer Screening

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force posted today a final research plan on screening for prostate cancer. The draft research plan for this topic was posted for public comment from October 29, 2015 to November 25, 2015. The Task Force reviewed all of the comments that were submitted and took them into consideration as it finalized the research plan.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research Training Grant (Parent T32)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will award T32 grants to eligible, domestic institutions to enhance predoctoral and postdoctoral research training, including short-term research training, and help ensure that a diverse and highly trained workforce is available to meet the needs of the Nation’s biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research agenda. Research training programs will incorporate didactic, research, and career development elements to prepare individuals for careers that will have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the Nation. Programs proposing only short-term research training should not apply to this announcement, but rather to the Kirschstein-NRSA Short-Term Institutional Research Training Grant Program (T35) exclusively reserved for predoctoral, short-term research training. The application deadline is May 25, 2016. Contact: Dr. Arthur L. Castle.
Institutional Research Training Grant (Parent T35)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will award T35 grants to eligible, domestic institutions to develop and/or enhance research training opportunities for predoctoral students interested in careers in biomedical, behavioral or clinical research. Many NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) use this NRSA program exclusively to support intensive, short-term research training experiences for health professional students (medical students, veterinary students, and/or students in other health-professional programs) during the summer. This program is also intended to encourage training of graduate students in the physical or quantitative sciences to pursue research careers by short-term exposure to, and involvement in, the health-related sciences. The application deadline is May 25, 2016. Contact: Dr. Arthur L. Castle.

PCORI Engagement Award: Knowledge, Training and Development, and Dissemination Awards

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) plans to award $20.5 million in FY 2016 as part of the Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards program. These awards support projects that encourage active integration of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders as integral members of the patient-centered outcomes research/clinical effectiveness research (PCOR/CER) enterprise. Letters of Intent are required and are due by June 1, 2016. Contact: ea@pcori.org.

Spermatogenic Stem Cell Culture Systems to Preserve and Restore Reproductive Capacity in Males (R01)

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage applications from the scientific community to support outstanding research in the area of spermatogenic stem cell (SSC) biology. The overarching goal is to increase the chances that couples may have biological offspring without using conventional assisted reproductive modalities (i.e., IVF, ICSI). A focal point of the initiative is on the development of new techniques to culture and expand these cells over an extended period of time. Another area of study includes methods to eliminate malignant cells from SSC cultures following chemotherapy/radiation treatment. Also, spermatogenic stem cells from human adults could have a major impact on drug development and toxicity testing as animal-based systems do not sufficiently mirror the situation in humans. The application deadline is June 5, 2016. Contact: Dr. Stuart B. Moss.

Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research (Parent K24)

The purpose of the NIH Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research (K24) is to provide support to midcareer health-professional doctorates or equivalent who are typically at the Associate Professor level or the equivalent for protected time to devote to patient-oriented research (POR) and to act as research mentors primarily for clinical residents, clinical fellows and/or junior clinical faculty. Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact the relevant NIH staff for IC-specific programmatic and budgetary information. The application deadline is June 12, 2016.
**NIDDK Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01)**

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. The application deadline is **June 12, 2016**. Contact: **Dr. James F. Hyde**.

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**Limited Competition: Small Grant Program for NIDDK K01/K08/K23 Recipients (R03)**

This grant program provides NIDDK-supported K01, K08, and K23 recipients the opportunity to apply for Small Grant (R03) support at some point during the final two years of their K award. Through the use of this mechanism, the NIDDK is seeking to enhance the capability of its K01, K08, and K23 award recipients to conduct research as they complete their transition to fully independent investigator status. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects, including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. The R03 is, therefore, intended to support research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources and that may provide preliminary data to support a subsequent R01, or equivalent, application. The application deadline is **June 16, 2016**. Contact: **Dr. James F. Hyde**.

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