FOR THE

2018 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 patient 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 AUA 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. Protected time to conduct research, which is typically difficult to establish when balancing urology practice needs, is a major need identified in the physician-scientist community. The Urology Care Foundation developed the Rising Stars in Urology Research Award program 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 urologic research education and training. 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, commensurate with the time remaining on the existing career development award, 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 2018 Urology Care Foundation Rising Stars in Urology Research Award, the applicant must, by July 1, 2018:

- 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 National Institutes of Health (NIH), or career development-type grants from the Veterans Administration (VA), Department of Defense (DoD), American Cancer Society or others);

\(^1\) Questions regarding whether or not awards qualify as career development awards should be directed to the AUA Office of Research, see Section V. Contact Information of this Program Announcement.
- Have at least two full years remaining on the period of performance for the career development award;
- 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; and
- Be conducting research within the boundaries of the eight sections of the AUA. 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. If criticisms were not previously provided, this requirement is waived, see Section C.4.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: All applicants who are not AUA members at the time of application must commit to applying for AUA membership in the event of being selected to receive a Rising Stars in Urology Research Award. Membership applications must be submitted within one week of accepting the Rising Stars in Urology Research Award and proof of AUA membership must be provided to the AUA Office of Research prior to funds being dispersed.

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

Two awards are available for the 2018 Rising Stars in Urology Research Award competition, both sponsored by Astellas, Inc.

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 award payments (i.e., federal withholding, social security, local or state taxes). It is the responsibility of the awardee to ensure that appropriate federal and local taxes are accounted for. Awards are solely for the purpose of salary supplementation and cannot be used for fringe benefits.

Though the award has a maximum duration of five years, the period of salary supplementation will be commensurate with the period of performance of the existing career development award. Funding starts at $28,000 in year 1 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 Section IV. Reporting of this Program Announcement. The awardee’s eligibility for maintaining the award is also contingent on the awardee maintaining an externally-funded career development award. Under no circumstances should Urology Care Foundation funds be used for institutional indirect costs or for salary support for anyone other than the Urology Care Foundation-funded awardee.

Note: Awardees may be personally responsible for repayment of funds provided by the award in the event that they fail to meet the obligations of the award described in this Program Announcement.
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 letter of support and complete the required mentor sections within the Application Agreement Form. Listing consultants or co-investigators on the project is acceptable; the applicant should clearly describe the role of each member of the personnel on the project.

Applicants must go to the 2018 Urology Care Foundation Rising Stars in Urology Research Award program site at http://www.auanet.org/research/funding-opportunities/rising-stars-in-urologic-research-award to view all pertinent information regarding the program. Applicants must submit all documents via e-mail to grantsmanager@AUAnet.org.

B. PRE-APPLICATION

Applicants are required to download and complete a pre-application form found on the AUA website at http://www.auanet.org/research/funding-opportunities/rising-stars-in-urologic-research-award and submit the completed form via e-mail as a PDF file document to grantsmanager@AUAnet.org no later than Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 5 p.m. Eastern time. The pre-application form requires the following information:

1. Applicant Contact Information
2. Mentor(s) Contact Information
3. Urology Department Chairperson Contact Information
4. Project Information:
   a. Descriptive title of proposed research
   b. Disease of Study
   c. Research Area Classification
   d. Type of Research
   e. Career Development Award Information:
      1. Career Development Award Name
      2. Funding amount
      3. Performance period dates
      4. A brief project description

There is no approval process for the pre-application and applicants should assume that they have permission to apply but are not bound to apply.

C. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE

Prepare and submit the application package to include all documents as shown below. The application package should be sent to grantsmanager@AUAnet.org no later than Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 5 p.m. Eastern time, 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 or administratively truncated.

1. **Application Agreement Form**

The applicant must download and complete the Application Agreement Form found on the AUA website at [http://www.auanet.org/research/funding-opportunities/rising-stars-in-urologic-research-award](http://www.auanet.org/research/funding-opportunities/rising-stars-in-urologic-research-award). This form must be completed in its entirety, including all necessary signatures and Grant Administrator contact information. Please type information into the Application Agreement Form where solicited as illegible information will not be accepted.

2. **Career Development Award Notification Letter**

Provide a copy of the award notification letter for the existing career development-type award. This will serve as documentation of the receipt of the required award and should indicate the award period of performance.

3. **Career Development Award Application**

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).

4. **Career Development Award (and Previous Rising Stars Application, if applicable) Peer Review Summary Statement (including Scores)**

   **For first time Rising Stars applicants:**
   
   Provide a copy of the peer review summary statement (including scores) received for the existing career development-type award (no page limit).

   **For previous Rising Stars applicants:**
   
   In addition to the peer review statement for the existing career development award, on clearly titled separate pages (two-page limit), include a detailed statement of steps taken to address the summary critiques of the previous Rising Stars application review. **If a peer review critique was not provided, this requirement is waived.**

5. **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

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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.
6. 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](http://www.auanet.org/research/national-urology-research-agenda.cfm).

7. Applicant Biosketch (five-page limit)
Include the applicant’s updated biosketch (five pages, NIH-style[3] required).

8. Applicant Career Plan (one-page limit)
The statement of career goals and plans should include description of any coursework, conferences, seminars, teaching or clinical responsibilities, grant writing, mentoring, or other activities or training that the applicant plans to use in his or her near-term urologic research 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 (five pages each, NIH-style[3] required). These should be versions updated from those submitted for the original career development award.

10. Mentor 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.

11. 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, and commitment to, protected time for research.

The application package must be submitted via e-mail to [grantsmanager@AUAnet.org](mailto:grantsmanager@AUAnet.org) no later than Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. EASTERN TIME. Applicants should allow ample time for composing, compiling, and submitting materials. Late or non-electronic submissions will NOT be considered.

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[3] OMB No. 0925-0046
12. Supplemental Information: Lay Statement and Photographs for UrologyHealth.org and AUAnet.org

The applicant must submit two separate items via email to grantsmanager@AUAnet.org:

1) **Lay statement:** A short paragraph (3-4 sentences), in language that can be understood by individuals without backgrounds in science or medicine, about the research project.

2) **A headshot photograph** saved as a jpeg file (save the file as, “Last name, First name_Photo” e.g., “Smith, John_Photo”). The photograph should be a **high-quality headshot** (file size typically ≥1MB) with either professional dress or a laboratory/white coat. Please do not compress the photograph after it is taken.

With the submission of this information, the applicant thus gives permission for the information and his/her photo to be 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 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.** These items will not be shared with reviewers and will not impact the review process or funding decisions.

D. CHECKLISTS FOR APPLICANT AND MENTOR

To complete the application package, ensure the submission of the following.

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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, available awards will then be matched. Since the process of matching highly meritorious applications with available awards is complex, it must be understood that the highest scoring applications from peer review are not automatically funded; however, every effort is made to support all of the applications of highest merit. All funding decisions must be approved by the AUA Director of Research and 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, promotions, regional/national presentations, etc.) indicate his or her potential to make significant contributions to the chosen field of urologic research and build a successful career as a leading scientist in urologic research.

- To what degree the applicant’s stated career goals and 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 career development, completion of the proposed work, and time to build the necessary aspects of an early independent research program.

Mentor(s)

- To what degree the mentor or mentoring team 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 career development.
- To what degree the mentor or mentoring team has a training record that includes past/current trainees that have successfully transitioned to career independence.

Research Project

- To what degree the project is highly meritorious, i.e., innovative, significant, and timely, as demonstrated by the career development award application and previous peer review critiques and scores.
- To what degree the project addresses a priority area of research according to the NURA.
- To what degree the proposed research will be driven by the applicant with guidance only as needed from the mentor or mentoring team.
- To what degree the proposed research will help the applicant transition into a more advanced academic position.
- To what degree the proposed project is likely to interface with different scientific disciplines and significantly influence and advance the field of urologic research.

Institution

- To what degree the institution provides a supportive, well-resourced environment with clear evidence of adequate 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 2018. Please note that results will not be given over the phone.

D. NOTICE OF AWARD

For applicants selected for funding, a Notice of Award letter will be issued to notify the awardee that an award has been made and to specify the terms and conditions of the award.
IV. AWARD REQUIREMENTS

A. REGULATORY APPROVALS AND EXEMPTIONS

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

If activities involving human subjects are planned during the proposed research, the applicant must provide a letter of approval or exemption from the local IRB. IRB letters of approval or exemption 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 or exemption letter by the Urology Care Foundation. If IRB approval or exemption 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.

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

If activities involving vertebrate animals are planned during the research, the applicant must submit a letter of approval or exemption by the IACUC. IACUC letters of approval or exemption 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 or exemption letter by the Urology Care Foundation. If IACUC approval or exemption 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.

B. REPORTING

Failure to adhere to reporting requirements and/or provide appropriate documentation may result in a delay in payments, repayment of some or all Urology Care Foundation funds previously paid to the awardee (if funds were not appropriately expended), and/or termination of the award.

1. PROGRESS REPORTS AND PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Please follow the instructions given below and in the Notice of Award Interim and Final Progress Report sections for detailed guidance on creating and submitting both awardee and mentor reports.

Awardee Report

By July 31 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 and follow the guidance given in the Notice of Award Interim and Final Progress Report sections. The next year of funding is contingent upon satisfactory progress reports.

In addition, within 60 days of the end of the funding period, the awardee must submit a report to the AUA Office of Research and follow the guidance given in the Notice of Award Interim and Final Progress Report sections.

Mentor Report (approximately one page)

Under separate cover, the mentor must submit a confidential statement electronically to the AUA Office of Research evaluating the awardee’s performance and detailing career development progress in addition to any other information as outlined in the Notice of Award Interim and Final Progress Report sections.
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.

C. CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Each Rising Stars Award recipient is required to develop a grant application for funding as an independent investigator (e.g., NIH R01 or R21, DoD Idea Development Award), no later than the fourth or penultimate funding year of the Rising Stars Award, 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.

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

- Years 1–5:
  - Submit progress reports on July 31 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 including an annual interview questionnaire 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) 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 of the award, in an amount to be determined at the exclusive discretion of the Urology Care Foundation, may be required.

In addition, all Rising Stars in Urology Research Award recipients must adhere to the requirements described below.
D. 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. The AUA Office of Research also provides opportunities for funded investigators to present posters at several of these events. All Urology Care Foundation awardees receiving funding when these events occur are required to attend, with some exceptions as described below. Unless prior approval is given, failure to attend an event may disqualify the awardee from receiving a future Urology Care Foundation award or payment. Travel awards or other means of travel support may be available for some events.

1. AUA ANNUAL MEETING EVENTS

- **Urology Care Foundation Research Honors Program and Reception:** All current Urology Care Foundation funded investigators are acknowledged at this program. Attending the program and presentation of a poster is required for all individuals receiving funding from the Urology Care Foundation.

- **Basic Sciences Symposium:** This symposium is a premier research event attracting basic and translational researchers and physician-scientists from various specialties. Past program topics include stem cells and nanotechnology, inflammation and fibrosis, new perspectives in pelvic health, and aging and urologic manifestations. Attendance is required if the topic is associated with the research being conducted by the awardee.

- **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. Attendance is required if the topic is associated with the research being conducted by the awardee.

- **AUA Research Forum – Funding Opportunities and Grant Writing Workshop:** Typically each year, the AUA Office of Research offers an educational course/forum to assist researchers in identifying and understanding sources of funding and skills needs for successful grant writing. The forum provides information on major funding opportunities, preparing an effective grant application, and peer review processes. Representatives from public (e.g., federal) and private (e.g., foundations, societies) funding organizations are typically in attendance to provide information on current opportunities. All investigators funded by the Urology Care Foundation are required to attend the session if it is offered.

- **AUA Research Forum – Early-Career Investigators Showcase:** This event provides a venue showcasing the research of promising early-career investigators. The program features presentations on innovative, relevant, and potentially impactful research studies that are of great interest to the basic, translational and clinical research communities. A panel of judges scores the presentations and awards are provided to the top three presenters. All investigators receiving funding from the Urology Care Foundation are required to attend this event.

- **Early-career Scientists Exchange:** Held every other year, this event brings together Urology Care Foundation awardees with representatives from the AUA Office of Research and
funding organizations in an informal setting to discuss research career challenges and strategies for success. Attendance is required at the discretion of the AUA Office of Research.

2. EVENTS AT AUA HEADQUARTERS

- **AUA Co-Sponsored Research Symposia:** The AUA Office of Research often co-sponsors research symposia and workshops with other urology sub-specialty societies and research institutions that cover the spectrum of urologic disease (e.g., AUA/SBUR Summer Research Conference, Diabetes and Diabetic Uropathy Symposium). Attendance to these meetings is optional but strongly encouraged if the research topic is relevant to the funded research award.

- **Early-Career Investigators Workshop:** The goal of this workshop is to motivate and support early-career researchers and surgeon-scientists by providing an outstanding program of mentoring, career development, and scientific perspectives presented by leaders in the field. The program agenda typically includes information and interaction with representatives from public and private funding organizations, a mock scientific peer review panel/study section, and faculty presentations on research success and career development. Attendees preparing to submit grant applications for independent research or career development funding also participate in working sessions that provide 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. Attendance is strongly recommended but not required.

E. 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/Career Development Award-funded research. Any publication or presentation 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].”

In addition, it is suggested that awardees add “2018 Urology Care Foundation Rising Stars in Urology Research Awardee” to their email signature blocks.

F. CHANGES TO PROJECT, PERSONNEL, INSTITUTION, OR FUNDING

Any changes in the research project, mentor(s), personnel, or location/contact information that occur after the application is selected for funding or during the award period must be reported to and approved by the AUA Office of Research. Changes in PI (i.e., the Rising Stars Award recipient) will result in award termination.

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, pre-application and application content or submission requirements, should be directed to the AUA Office of Research.

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