NIDDK Virtual Workshop: Advancing Basic and Translational Research for Genitourinary Conditions: Female Urethral Function and Failure

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) is pioneering a virtual workshop series comprised of seven weekly sessions beginning on September 30, 2020. Workshop participants will share knowledge, ask questions and engage in real time and asynchronous discussions regarding urethral function and failure to iteratively generate a systems model that will demonstrate what is known about the urethra’s role in continence and identify gaps in our knowledge that impede progress towards better treatments. The generation of a systems model incorporating interdisciplinary perspectives will facilitate development of meaningful research questions that can lead to novel, impactful grant applications with the goal of improving women’s health. The registration website will be available soon. For questions, please contact Tamara Bavendam at tamara.bavendam@nih.gov.

NCI Physician-Scientist Early Investigator Program (PEIP)

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) Physician-Scientist Early Investigator Program (PEIP) is an advanced training opportunity intended for early career physicians dedicated to laboratory bench-to-bedside or clinic-based research. The PEIP assists board-eligible/board-certified translational researchers in transitioning from a mentored position to that of an independent investigator in research, academia, or comparable positions in government and industry. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and early-career urologic oncologists are encouraged to apply. Applicants who wish to be appointed on the academic year (July 1) are encouraged to apply by September 30, 2020.

On-Demand Webcasts of AUA Research Symposia Now Available

On-demand webcasts from AUA Research Weekend are now available and free for AUA members! This year’s Research Weekend consists of the AUA’s annual Basic Sciences Symposium, Urologic Oncology Research Symposium, Challenges for Urologic Research series, and Early-Career Investigators Showcase. Webcasts are
also available to non-members at a significantly reduced fee. Symposium topics include:

- "Novel Technologies for Benign Urology Research;"
- "Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors: Impact of Macro and Microenvironment on Efficacy;" and
- "Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, & Machine Learning."

2021 Research Scholar Award Application Deadline Extended

With a commitment to continuing their strong support for urologic research, the AUA and its Urology Care Foundation are announcing that the 2021 Research Scholar Award competition will open in summer 2020. In light of the unprecedented challenges for biomedical research and training due to the coronavirus pandemic, and to provide adequate time for application preparation, the application deadline will be extended to November 5, 2020. Questions about applying to the 2021 program can be directed to grantsmanager@auanet.org.

2020 SBUR Young Investigator Awards

The Society for Basic Urologic Research (SBUR) Young Investigator Awards are given to SBUR members under the age of 45, within five years of their first faculty position, and who have made significant contributions to basic and translational urologic research. Eligible candidates should submit a cover letter highlighting their contributions to urologic research along with a CV to sbur@affinity-strategies.com. The application deadline is August 31, 2020.

Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program (Si2/R00 Clinical Trial Optional)

This program offers the opportunity for a unique bridge between the National Institutes of Health (NIH) intramural and extramural research communities and contains two phases. In the first phase, Lasker scholars will receive appointments for up to 5-7 years as tenure-track investigators within the NIH Intramural Research Program with independent research budgets. In the second phase, successful scholars will receive up to 3 years of NIH support for their research at an extramural research facility; or, the scholar can be considered to remain as an investigator within the intramural program. The application deadline is August 28, 2020.