AUA Staff Liaison       W. Taylor Monson, MA
Chair                  Peter Black, MD
Terms of Office
Chair: 2 years (non-renewable)
Members: 3 years (renewable once)

Committee Makeup
The Committee is composed of 8-12 members. Recommendations for new members will be solicited from
current members of the Committee, members of the Research Council, and the AUA community at large. The
Research Council Chair and staff liaison will work with the Committee Chair to collaboratively assess and
prioritize all recommendations prior to new member selection and invitation.

Mission Statement
The mission of the Research Grants and Investigator Support Committee is to develop and implement urologic
grant funding mechanisms and research training, networking, and other investigator support programs that
shape the brightest and most talented urologic researchers for long term success.

Committee Meetings
The Research Grants and Investigator Support Committee shall meet by video/teleconference approximately
every other month or as deemed necessary by the Committee Chair and Research Grants Program Officer, with
one to two in-person meetings per year typically at AUA Headquarters. The Chair of the Committee will also
participate in all Research Council meetings, with optional involvement of the Chair-elect.

Time Commitment
Chairs: 4 hours per week (average)
This includes video/teleconferences and meetings with staff, various committees and
representatives of external organizations/agencies. The Chair may also travel up to 5 days annually
for attendance at research grant review panel meetings and AUA/Urology Care Foundation
strategic planning meetings.
Member: 2 hours per week (average)

Responsibilities
Chair: In executing responsibilities, the Chair will report to the Research Council Chair and the Research
Council as a whole and oversee any workgroups or subcommittees that may be created. The Chair,
moreover, must work in a mutually effective and collaborative manner with the Research Council
Chair, Research Grants Program Officer, and AUA Office of Research staff to help coordinate and
implement research grant development and administration, peer review, award outcomes
analyses, and needs assessments.

Members: Committee members must 1) be available to participate in Committee meetings and grant peer
review meetings if requested and 2) work collaboratively and effectively with the Research Council
Chair, the Committee Chair and other members of the Committee, the Research Grants Program
Officer, and other Office of Research staff.
Qualifications

Chair:

- Must be an AUA Member and active in urologic research at the time of assumption of the position.
- Must be a urology surgeon-scientist or researcher with current or recent research funding and a strong track record of achievement in urology research as evidenced by funding and publication history.
- Must possess NIH Study Section or other similar review experience and familiarity with NIH operating procedures and leadership.
- Must possess a strong track record of mentoring and urology training experience.
- Must be available for communication with members of the Committee, Council, Board of Directors, and staff.
- Preferable: Possess experience in fundraising or development at some level.

Members:

- Must have a strong track record of achievement in urologic research.
- Must possess substantive scientific peer review experience.
- Must possess a strong track record of mentoring and urology training experience.

Recent Accomplishments 2021

- Contributed in development of a set of provocative questions reflecting the unmet needs in urologic research.
- Oversaw the launch of the new Leadership in Education, Achievement and Diversity (LEAD) Program designed to create a research career pathway for residents from racial/ethnic communities underrepresented in urologic research.
- Provided guidance to the solicitation, receipt, and peer review of 200+ applications to the Urology Care Foundation mentored research award programs (Rising Stars in Urology Research Award, Research Scholar Award, Residency Research Award, Physician Scientist Residency Training Award, and Summer Medical Student Fellowship).
- Expanded the impact of the Rising Stars in Urology Research Award to ensure all applicants remain engaged in AUA research programs and the urologic research community overall.
- Promoted an unprecedented number of grants available to applicants from communities underrepresented in urologic research for the Research Scholar Awards, Residency Research Awards, and Summer Medical Student Fellowships.
- Increased administrative efficiency for mentee application and review, as well as doubled the capacity and diversity, equity, and inclusiveness of the Urology Scientific Mentoring and Research Training (USMART) Academy.
- Expanded the research grant reviewer pool to include new reviewers at all faculty levels for all mechanisms in the portfolio.
- Discussed the development of new types of Urology Care Foundation-supported research awards.
- Provided input for development and initial roll-out of the 2021-2025 AUA Research Strategic Plan.