



Terms of Office

Chair: 3 years (non-renewable)
Member: 3 years (renewable once)

Committee Makeup

The Committee is composed of 8-12 members who reflect the diversity of urologic research, practice settings and geographic location. 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 Research Education staff will work with the Committee Chair to collaboratively assess and prioritize all recommendations prior to new member selection and invitation.

Vision/Mission/Purpose

Promote development of researchers through equitable and inclusive education, conferences, and communications to foster inter-disciplinary, collaborative science with the goal of positively impacting urologic health.

Committee Meetings

The Research Education, Conferences, and Communications Committee (RECCC) shall meet by teleconference approximately bimonthly or as deemed necessary by the Committee Chair, Research Council Chair or Research Education staff. The Chair of the Committee will also participate in all Research Council meetings.

Time Commitment

Chairs: 2-4 hours per week

This includes teleconferences and meetings with staff, various committees, and representatives of external organizations/agencies.

Member: 1 hour per week (average)

Responsibilities

Chair: The chair reports to the Research Chair and the Research Council as a whole and oversees 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 and Research Education Staff to help develop a coordinated research education curriculum, coordinate research meetings and events, and establish effective strategies to disseminate research information from the Office of Research and external sources, including but not limited to promotion of research meetings.

Members: Committee members 1) participate in Committee meetings and 2) work collaboratively and effectively with the RECCC Chair, other members of the RECCC, and the Office of Research staff to develop educational activities.

Compliance

Committee positions are open to AUA members in good standing. All new members are required to agree to abide by [AUA's Civility Policy](#) when they accept their appointment and agree to annually complete a COI Disclosure Form in accordance with [AUA's COI Disclosure Policy](#). The AUA reserves the right to suspend or remove a member from participation in any AUA activity while the individual is under investigation for a violation of AUA's policies.



Criteria for Selecting New Members

- Extensive experience in urologic research
- Experience in research education planning (e.g., educational research initiatives, and/or communications initiatives that advance urologic research)
- So that the AUA is in compliance with ACCME Standards, Members of RECCC are not permitted to have financial relationships with ineligible companies (formerly commercial interests) that the ACCME would deem to be that of an owner or employee. Owners are defined as individuals who have an ownership interest in a company, except for stockholders of publicly traded companies, or holders of shares through a pension or mutual fund. Employees are defined as individuals hired to work for another person or business (the employer) for compensation and who are subject to the employer's direction as to the details of how to perform the job.

Criteria for Selecting Next Chair

Chairs are chosen from current or past committee members and are selected by the Research Chair using the following criteria:

- Must be an AUA Member and active in urologic research at the time of assumption of the position.
- Must possess experience in research education planning, educational research initiatives, and/or communications initiatives to advance urologic research.
- Must be an urologist or researcher with a strong track record of achievement in urologic research and training.
- Must be available for communication with members of the Committee, Council, and staff.

Recent Accomplishments – 2024

- **The Office or Research Symposium for AUA2024** was held in April 2024. The RECCC presented the following topics: Basic Science Symposium, “Spatial Biology in Benign and Malignant Urologic Disease” (Attendance 85), Urologic Oncology Research Symposium, “Implementation Science: Translating Clinical Studies into Practice” (Attendance 118), Challenges in Urologic Research Symposium, “Transitional Urology: The New Frontier” (Attendance 47), and the inaugural Research Independent Practice Research Symposium, “Residents Guide to Clinical Research: Clinical Trials for Independent Practice” (Attendance 121).
- The **2024 Early Career Investigators Workshop (ECIW)**, the 12th workshop since the event’s inauguration, was held. A pre-workshop webinar held on October 23, 2024 and then the in-person event at AUA Headquarters was held November 8-9, 2024. Twenty-eight early-career urology researchers worked with experienced mentors to learn the foundations of grant writing.