



Terms of Office Chair: 3 years (non-renewable)
 Member: 3 years (renewable once)

Committee Makeup

The Committee is composed of 12-15 members who reflect the diversity of modern and emerging urologic research modalities, 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 Committee (REC) shall meet virtually via the Zoom platform approximately quarterly 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.

Committee Teams

Each committee member may be assigned to join target audience-driven teams within the committee structure for the purpose of identifying and addressing research education needs of various subsets within the urologic research community.

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 teams that may be created within the committee structure. 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 REC Chair, other members of the REC, 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 basic and translational science, clinical trial investigation, or clinical 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 REC 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 a 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 – 2025

- In June 2025, the REC began the process of strategically realigning research education offerings to be target audience-driven and incorporative of year-round programming. Structuring research education planning in alignment with this framework will be implemented moving forward into planning for AUA Annual Meeting 2026 in Washington, D.C.
- Enhancements in the Early Career Investigator Showcase for 2026 are underway, including the appointment of Naveen Kachroo, MD, PhD and Petra Popovics, PhD as Co-Course Directors.
- Creation of year-round and enduring research education programming began with the completion of the Physician-Scientist: Different Paths to Success webinar held live May 20, 2025, and hosted for retrospective viewing on AUA.net.org and the AUA Research Education playlist on YouTube.



- The Office of Research Symposium for AUA2025 was held in April 2025 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The REC presented the following topics and achieved the following attendance: Basic Science Symposium: Inflammaging and Urologic Disease (107); Independent Practice Research Symposium: Bench to Bedside: Navigating Clinical Trials in Independent Practice (112); Urologic Oncology Research Symposium: Practical AI for Urologic Oncology Research (99); and the Early Career Investigator Showcase (76).