



Urology Care Foundation-funded investigators, AUA Research Committees, and representatives of external organizations/agencies, as well as collaborating with the Director of Research in providing presentations to the AUA Board of Directors and Urology Care Foundation Board of Directors three times a year each.

This time commitment includes traveling up to 30 days annually for attendance at AUA's Annual Meeting, fall AUA and Urology Care Foundation Board of Directors meetings, leadership meetings with NIH institute officials, and interaction with other AUA/Urology Care Foundation Councils supporting funding, education, or advocacy activities.

Members:

- Serve as active liaisons between the Research Council and their sections/organizations by attending meetings and providing status reports on activities of the Council and urologic research in general.
- Be available to participate in Council meetings, workshops and committee activities.
- Work collaboratively and effectively with the Council Chair, Council members, and Research staff to provide guidance for the oversight (including development and optimization) of all AUA research programs.
- Promote all AUA research programs and initiatives.

Compliance

Positions on Councils, Committees, Editorial Boards and Practice Guidelines Panels are open to AUA members in good standing. All members must agree to abide by *AUA's Committee Policies & Procedures* (see *AUA Participation Terms & Conditions* documents located under My Committees Section of the [myAUA](#) webpage). These documents include the requirement to abide by [AUA's Civility Policy](#) and annually complete a Conflicts of Interest (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 policy violation.

Criteria for Selecting New Members

All Council members, except those mandated by contractual obligations, should meet the following criteria to qualify for appointment with the Council:

- First representative from each Section must be a urologist or a urology researcher. Second and third representatives may be an MD or PhD from another specialty, or an individual with an advanced degree who is active in urologic research.
- Experienced in urologic research (e.g., history of peer reviewed publications and research funding grants as the Principal Investigator or Co-PI, sustained three years or more).
- Possess research-related service (e.g., service on HHS, VA, NIH or DoD peer review, engagement with research-related associations, organizations, and/or societies).

Criteria for Selecting Next Chair

Openings are announced every four years on the webpage [AUA.net.org/ResearchChair](#). A job description highlighting the qualifications is posted on that site. The Research Chair is selected by a Board Search Committee. The selected individual will serve a one-year Research Chair-Elect position before assuming the Research Chair position.



Recent Accomplishments – 2025

Under the oversight of the Research Council, the Office of Research achieved significant milestones in 2025, advancing strategic investments in funding, education, and advancement across the urologic research landscape:

- Redesigned research education programming to deliver high-impact, targeted content for basic/translational scientists, clinical investigators, and clinical trialists, strengthening the AUA Annual Meeting's position as a premier research destination.
- Delivered the 14th Early Career Investigators Workshop in a hybrid format and showcased 25 outstanding early-career investigators through ECIS, reinforcing commitment to developing the next generation of research leaders.
- Launched the Advanced Prostate Cancer Clinical Trial Research Webinar Series in collaboration with AUACTC™, expanding high-value research education beyond the Annual Meeting and strengthening clinical trial capacity across practice settings.
- Expanded the funding portfolio with the inaugural UCF Bridge Award and the Transformative Research Award, marking new investments in independent, bold, and interdisciplinary urologic research.
- Successfully closed the 2025 AUA/UCF funding cycle, awarding \$1.02M to 47 investigators, demonstrating sustained commitment to advancing discovery and strengthening the urologic research pipeline.

Collectively, these accomplishments reflect a year of strategic growth and underscore the Research Council's critical role in advancing urologic research. Through sustained investment in funding, education, and career development, the AUA and UCF continue to strengthen research infrastructure, accelerate clinical translation, and expand participation across practice settings. These efforts cultivate future research leaders, empower established investigators, and reinforce the AUA/UCF's position as a global leader in urologic research.