



**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 urologist-investigators and research scientists through equitable and inclusive educational programs 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

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

- Extensive experience in basic and translational science, clinical trial investigation, or clinical urologic research
- Experience in research education planning (e.g., educational research 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 – 2026

- 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. Research education was delighted to launch a completely redesigned research education program portfolio aligned with basic science and translational, clinical, and clinical trial research modalities at AUA2026 in Washington, DC.
- Research Education Committee directed programs were inclusive of the following topics and achieved the following attendance results. Raw program attendance performance improved across 5 out of 6 total programs and improved in 6 out of 6 programs when adjusted for length of program time (measured in minutes):



- Basic Science/Translational Research Education Target Audience: American Urological Association/Society for Basic Urologic Research Joint Research Symposium (157)
- Clinical Research Education Target Audience: Bench to the Bedside: Urologic Discovery and Clinical Innovation (85); Urological Research: Aging and Frailty Considerations (89)
- Independent Practice/Clinical Trial Research Education Target Audience: Next Generation of Clinical Trial Research: What Trainees and Program Directors Need to Know (99); Planning to Plenary: (67)
- Additional highlights from research education programming at AUA2026 include the Early-Career Investigators Showcase. The Early-Career Investigators Showcase serves as Attendance at the 2026 Showcase increased by 112% from 2025 and exceeded all prior year's attendance over the past decade, exceeded by only the 2016 Showcase. The 2026 Showcase selection cycle was also the most competitive in program history, receiving 56 nominations from AUA Sections, Specialty Societies, and International Member Committee organization's for peer-reviewed selection of 10 podium and 15 poster-only presentations in the Showcase.
- The 2025 Early-Career Investigator Workshop delivered invaluable federal research grant proposal skill development to 23 selected program applicants. For 2026, program eligibility will be adjusted for the first time to include ACGME residents and PhD candidates in addition to clinical and research fellows and early-career faculty. AUA's cornerstone grantsmanship course, this program has an exceptional track record for producing funded investigators, with alumni of the 2018-2023 cohorts currently conducting urologic research supported by over \$24,000,000 in NIH awards.
- New research education On Demand programming, the Advanced Prostate Cancer Clinical Trial Research Webinar series, a three-part virtual activity, was launched through live webinars held in Fall 2025 and is now available on the *AUAUniversity* YouTube channel Research Education playlist. The 2026 Urology Scientific Mentoring and Research Training (USMART) Program application cycle was the most competitive in program history, receiving 31 applications for 15 available mentee positions, a 244% increase over the 2025 application rate. A roundtable discussion amongst mentors and mentees from the outgoing 2025 and incoming 2025 USMART class was held at AUA2026 to explore continued program growth and mentee experience enhancements.