



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

Committee Makeup

The Committee is composed of the chair and 8-12 members.

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 four to six times per year, or as deemed necessary by the Committee Chair and Research Grants Program Officer, with the option for 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 peer review, award outcomes analyses, and needs assessments for the seven research grant funding mechanisms and six research awards of distinction overseen by the committee.

Members: Committee members must:

- 1) attend and participate in 5 of 6 Committee business meetings per year;
- 2) participate in at minimum two grant peer review panels each year;
- 3) promote research programs within their institutions/networks;
- 4) volunteer for at minimum one committee project per year (e.g., task force, research award of distinction review panel, committee liaison role, etc.); and
- 5) 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.



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 (res* and *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.

Members of the RGISC may not apply for funding from the AUA/UCF if they will be the principal investigator (PI) on the award. They may be a mentor or collaborator on applications. If they are listed as a mentor or collaborator, they will not be permitted to be a reviewer for that funding mechanism.

Criteria for Selecting New Members

- Extensive experience in urologic research
- Substantive scientific peer review experience
- Must possess a strong track record of mentoring and urology training experience

Criteria for Selecting Next Chair

- Must be an AUA Member and active in urologic research at the time of assumption of the position.
- Must be a urology physician-scientist or researcher with current or recent research funding and a strong track record of achievement in urology research as evidenced by funding (attainment of multiple NIH R01-level or equivalent grants as Principal Investigator) and robust research 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 and staff.
- Preferable: Has strong familiarity with AUA research programs and Urology Care Foundation research grant programs (e.g., prior recipient and/or mentor of a UCF-funded research grant recipient).
- Preferable: Possess understanding of fundraising or development and complexities of funding sources with contractual restrictions.

Recent Accomplishments – 2025

- Provided policy guidance and review panel leadership for the solicitation, receipt, and scientific review of 120+ applications to the seven research grant mechanisms supported by the Urology Care Foundation (Rising Stars in Urology Research Award; Research Scholar Award; Residency Research Award; Leadership in Education, Achievement, and Development Program; Urology Care Foundation Bridge Award supported by Dornier MedTech; Boston Scientific Medical Student Innovation Fellowship; and Medical Student Fellowship. Over 90 peer reviewers were involved in review panels.
- Utilized expert knowledge of research funding to continually evaluate all funding mechanisms to determine areas of clarification and updating to maintain relevant to urology researcher needs.
- Led the review and selection of six prestigious Research Awards of Distinction to recognize the work of accomplished urologic researchers.
- Worked to expand and support the peer reviewer pool to combat reviewer burnout