

AUA Data Research Program Request for Applications: Special Census Question Opportunity

The American Urological Association (AUA) invites applications for the 2027 Data Research Program (DRP). This includes a **special opportunity for investigators to propose new questions for select populations in the upcoming AUA Annual Census (e.g., residents, fellows, students, Advanced Practice Providers)**. This cycle expands the traditional use of historical Census data by allowing approved applicants to contribute directly to the 2027 Census with the goal of subsequently using these questions for impactful research pursuits.

Overview of the AUA Census

Launched in 2014, the AUA Annual Census is a specialty-wide survey of all members of the global urology workforce. The Census provides essential data on urology workforce dynamics, practice patterns, demographic characteristics, training backgrounds, satisfaction, and the structure of urologic care delivery. With twelve years of data available (2014–2025), the Census enables robust cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses across domestic and international urology communities. The Census contains domestic and international modules for:

- Urologists (practicing and non-practicing) *
- Residents
- Fellows
- Practice Managers and Administrators
- Researchers
- Medical Students
- Nurse Practitioners (NPs)
- Physician Assistants (PAs)
- Registered Nurses (RNs)

***Note:** This special call is open to all modules **except practicing U.S. urologists**.

Special Census Question Opportunity

For the first time, DRP applicants may propose the inclusion of custom research questions in the next AUA Census. This option is designed to:

- Support innovative workforce and practice research
- Address emerging policy or workforce needs

- Provide applicants with targeted, timely data that cannot be derived from prior Census cycles alone
- **Promote high quality Census research within the urological workforce**

Applicants must demonstrate the relevance, necessity, and feasibility of their proposed Census questions within the broader goals of the AUA Census and the DRP.

Project Timeline and Expectations

Projects funded under this special opportunity must follow the timeline below:

January–March 2027

- Selected applicants will receive **2–3 months** to develop, refine, and finalize proposed Census questions.
- Investigators will collaborate closely with AUA staff and the AUA Data Committee to ensure question quality, survey design appropriateness, and module alignment.

April–September 2027

- Approved questions will be programmed and included in the 2027 AUA Census.
- The Census will begin data collection at the AUA Annual Meeting and remain open through September.
- Investigators will collaborate with AUA statisticians to finalize their statistical analysis plan.

October–November 2027

- Investigators will receive preliminary datasets that include responses to their custom questions, along with the standard annual Census dataset.
- Investigators will request additional sub-analyses as needed.
- Investigators can submit abstracts to scientific conferences.

December 2027

- Investigators must submit a **draft abstract** based on their findings by the end of the year.
- Full project completion remains required within the standard one-year DRP timeline.

Scope of Research Using AUA Census Data

Applicants may propose studies that include, but are not limited to, those that:

- Identify trends in the urology clinical workforce
- Evaluate the impact of policy decisions or guidelines on urologic practice
- Assess demographic or geographic distribution of providers
- Analyze variations in practice patterns by provider or practice characteristics
- Examine subspecialty training, employment structures, care models, or workforce satisfaction
- Evaluate changes in compensation, and the impact of different practice ownership models.
- Study workforce planning, retirement trends, or care delivery team composition

Projects must be feasible given the Census structure, response patterns, timeline, and available resources.

Eligibility

- Open to all applicants proposing work in any Census population **except practicing U.S. urologists.**
- Applicants may use existing Census data, newly collected data arising from their proposed questions, or both.

Additional Resources

Applicants are encouraged to consult the AUA Data Research Program Feasibility Guide and Program Announcement on the [program website](#), which provide:

- DRP Application instructions and review information
- Examples of accepted DRP projects
- Published studies using Census or AQUA Registry data
- Previous Census data collected
- Guidance on designing feasible, high-quality proposals

Contact Information

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