



# UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR THE

## 2022 Physician Scientist Residency Training Award – Trainee

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### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Letter of Intent Deadline</b>	5:00 p.m. Eastern time, July 29, 2021
<b>Proposal Submission Deadline:</b>	5:00 p.m. Eastern time, September 9, 2021
<b>Peer Review:</b>	September 2021
<b>AUA Interview Day (Virtual):</b>	October 20, 2021
<b>Trainee Selection Notification:</b>	October 22, 2021
<b>Program Site Selection Notification:</b>	November 1, 2021
<b>Award Period:</b>	July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2030 (funding years July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027)

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## I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

### A. UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION MENTORED RESEARCH AWARDS

The mission of the **Urology Care Foundation**, the official foundation of the American Urological Association (AUA), is to support and improve urological care by funding research, developing patient education, and pursuing philanthropic support. Having recognized a major need to support the future of the urologic research workforce, the Urology Care Foundation offers a portfolio of mentored research training awards designed to recruit promising young physicians and investigators into urologic research and foster their career success.

These awards are administered by the **AUA Office of Research**, with funding provided by the Urology Care Foundation and partner organizations and sponsors. The AUA Office of Research was created in 2001 with a mission to increase and maintain the workforce of urology physician-scientists and researchers to catalyze the advancement of clinical practice and reduce the burden of urologic disease through impactful research. All proposals are evaluated by a peer review panel of expert physician-scientists and researchers who evaluate the scientific merit of each project as well as the applicant's potential to become a future research leader.

The AUA and its Urology Care Foundation are committed to promoting diversity within the urologic research workforce. Information related to the applicant's race/ethnicity and sex is collected during the proposal process to assess these efforts, but is de-identified for all reporting purposes. In the event that an available research award is restricted to applicants of a particular race/ethnicity or sex, this information may be taken into consideration during the award selection process. Neither the Urology Care Foundation nor the AUA Office of Research discriminate as to age, race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability, citizenship or national origin in the employment and promotion of staff or in the selection of participants in the Physician Scientist Residency Training Award.

## B. AWARD INFORMATION

### 1. OVERVIEW

Conducting research is an exciting and vital activity critical to the advancement of clinical practice and improved care for patients. Importantly, success in research requires a diversity of perspectives from both clinically and laboratory trained investigators, yet the population of physician scientists is diminishing, especially from surgical specialties such as urology. This issue is an area of ongoing concern in both the national and international research communities. Research training during residency has the potential to address this concern, as it will develop the commitment and diversity of skills needed for later success in independently funded research careers.

The Urology Care Foundation Physician Scientist Residency Training Award (PSRTA) was initiated in 2017 to provide early-career, intensive research training that will develop the skills necessary to enable ambitious and talented urology residents to ultimately succeed as independently funded surgeon scientists. The PSRTA enables a focused and well-defined urology residency research track that will appropriately train carefully selected individuals. Training will be conducted at urologic research centers of excellence with strong infrastructure, mentoring, didactics, and career development elements to best prepare residents for successful and impactful research careers.

The PSRTA award was first competed to academic institutions in 2017 to identify urology residency programs committed and well qualified to provide the necessary training and support to serve as a PSRTA Program Site. The second phase of the competition is then opened to eligible medical students to apply for an available residency slot at one of these institutions as a PSRTA Trainee. One PSRTA Trainee position is available each competition cycle.

This award is made possible through generous support from the Dornier MedTech Research Fund.

## 2. PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The PSRTA Trainee will complete a three-year, research-intensive training program embedded within the post-graduate years (PGY) of urology residency as described below. This structure has been approved by the American Board of Urology as an alternate pathway for Board certification in the specialty of Urology. **Divergence from this program structure will not be allowed.**



### PGY-1 and PGY-2: Internship & Uro-1 Years (Clinical Training)

The Trainee will spend the first two post-graduate years (PGY-1 and PGY-2) in surgical training to gain a thorough grounding in general surgical and urological principles. In addition, participation in research-related activities (e.g., seminars) as can be accommodated by clinical training responsibilities is highly encouraged.

### Research Year 1

After acquiring a solid background in clinical urology, the first year of research training will include research-related courses, seminars, and other didactic training, as well as research rotations with established scientists in laboratories that may be selected as the location for the Trainee's full research project. It is expected that Research Year 1 will provide the Trainee with knowledge of, and some experience in, the basic investigative techniques being used to advance our understanding of diseases and conditions of the genitourinary tract. **Clinical responsibilities must not exceed 20% of the Trainee's full-time professional effort.** Graduate degree-granting research programs (master's or doctoral level) are expected to ensure that didactic and other training is commensurate with degree requirements, should the Trainee be anticipating a research degree upon completion.

### Research Years 2 and 3 (Research Project)

Research Years 2 and 3 will focus on immersion into the research project with a carefully selected primary mentor and mentoring team. **Clinical responsibilities must not exceed 20% of the Trainee's full-time professional effort.** The Trainee is expected to submit a research project proposal to the AUA Office of Research within the first two months of Research Year 2, with AUA Office of Research peer review and approval of the proposal to be completed within 30 calendar days following submission. Research Years 2 and 3 are expected to provide the Trainee with in-depth experiences that establish:

- A strong foundation in study design, methods, and analytic techniques appropriate for the proposed research area.
- Enhancement of the trainee's ability to conceptualize and think through research problems with increasing independence.

- Experience in conducting research using state-of-the-art methods as well as presenting and publishing research findings.
- Interactions with members of the scientific community at appropriate scientific meetings and workshops.
- Knowledge and early development of the spectrum of modern scientific skills needed to succeed as an independent investigator.

### **PGY-3 to PGY-5: Uro-2 to Uro-4 Years (Clinical Training)**

Following Research Years 1-3, the Trainee will return to clinical training for completion of urology residency PGY-3 through PGY-5. During this time, it is expected that the large majority of the Trainee's efforts will focus on exceptional performance in, and completion of clinical training. Participation in research-related activities as can be accommodated by clinical training responsibilities is encouraged.

## **3. PROGRAM SITES**

PSRTA Program Sites were selected in 2017 and each has a robust track record of residency research training, a diversity of urologic research areas available for study with emphasis on areas understudied by surgeon scientists, and a selection of established scientists with successful funding records and who are available to serve as effective mentors to the Trainee. Each Program Site is also accredited by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME) and in good standing with, and approved for PSRTA participation by, the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Urology Residency Review Committee. All Program Sites are registered with the AAMC Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®).

The following PSRTA Program Sites will be available for selection by the 2022 PSRTA Trainee:

### **Brigham and Women's Hospital Program in Urology at Harvard Medical School**

Principal Investigators: George Haleblan, MD and Adam Kibel, MD

Urology Residency Program: <https://www.bwhurologyresidency.hms.harvard.edu/>

### **University of California, Los Angeles**

Principal Investigators: Robert Reiter, MD and Jonathan Bergman, MD, MPH

Urology Residency Program: <https://urology.healthsciences.ucla.edu/intranet/education/pages/residency-info>

### **University of Washington**

Principal Investigator: Hunter Wessells, MD

Urology Residency Program: <https://www.washington.edu/urology/education/residency/>

Additional information about each Program Site can be obtained by contacting the PSRTA Program Site Principal Investigators. **NOTE:** Program Site personnel will not be involved in the peer review of PSRTA Trainee proposals, but will participate in the final selection of the PSRTA Trainee.

## **C. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

### **1. APPLICANT**

To be eligible to compete for the 2022 Physician Scientist Residency Training Award, applicants must, **by July 1, 2021**, either be enrolled in their senior year of a medical school degree program or be a medical school graduate no more than two years beyond graduation. In addition, applicants must be completing, or have completed, medical school at an institution within the boundaries of the AUA Sections (<https://www.auanet.org/membership/who-we-are/aua-sections-and-demographics>).

Applicants are required to register for the AUA's [Urology Residency Match Program](#). To ensure that the selection process for the PSRTA will in no way hinder a Trainee applicant's eligibility for the regular Urology Residency Match Program, notification of the PSRTA recipient will be completed no later than November 1, 2021.

**Membership in the AUA is required** for recipients of this award. All applicants who are not AUA members at the time of proposal must commit to applying for AUA membership if selected to receive a Physician Scientist Residency Training Award. Additional information about AUA membership can be found at <https://www.auanet.org/membership/member-benefits-and-programs/resident/fellow>.

## D. FUNDING INFORMATION

### 1. AWARDS AVAILABLE

One Trainee position is currently available to begin residency training in July 2022. The duration of the training program is eight years, although funding is only provided during the research training years at **\$75,000 per year for three years**. Funding is provided by the Urology Care Foundation with support from the Dornier MedTech Research Fund.

### 2. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS AND INSTITUTIONAL COST-SHARING

Urology Care Foundation funds will be paid directly to the Program Site. The Urology Care Foundation does not withhold taxes from awards (federal withholding, social security, local or state taxes, etc.). It is the responsibility of the Program Site and/or Trainee to ensure that appropriate federal and local taxes are accounted for. Funding will be issued in two payments of \$37,500 on approximately August 1 and February 1 of each year during the three-year research period of the award.

#### **Allowable Use of Funding**

It is permissible and encouraged that Urology Care Foundation funds be used to provide salary support for the PSRTA Trainee. In addition, the Program Site is obligated to cost-share funds for the trainee, which may consist of additional salary (not beyond peer parity) and/or funding for research supplies or other direct costs for research training, including course registration fees and travel costs for scientific meetings.

#### **Prohibited Use of Funding**

It is prohibited to use Urology Care Foundation funds for institutional indirect costs or for salary support for anyone other than the PSRTA Trainee. Misappropriation of funds may result in an institution's disqualification from eligibility for future Urology Care Foundation funding opportunities.

## II. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

### A. GENERAL INFORMATION

The PSRTA Trainee application process consists of a **letter of intent** followed by a **full proposal**. Applicants must also **register for the Urology Residency Match Program** and **submit an application through the Electronic Residency Application Service® (ERAS®)**. Applicants should review this Program Announcement in its entirety to understand and begin preparing the required components.

**Applicants are required to submit a letter of intent by July 29, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.** Information in the letter of intent is not peer reviewed but rather used by the AUA Office of Research to prepare for peer review of proposals. Applicants should assume that they have permission to submit a full proposal. Only one letter of intent can be submitted per applicant and applicants are not bound to complete a full proposal upon submitting a letter of intent.

Following administrative review of the letter of intent, the AUA Office of Research will open the full proposal submission portal. **The deadline to complete the full proposal is September 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.** Applicants are responsible for composing, compiling, and submitting a complete proposal. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all required items are submitted electronically via the proposal submission system, including those requested from letter of recommendation writers.

### Electronic Registration

Applicants must submit a letter of intent, proposal, and all required documents electronically via ProposalCentral at <https://proposalcentral.com/>. **To prevent emails from ProposalCentral from being identified as spam, it is strongly recommended that applicants, individuals providing letters of support for the proposal, and institutional representatives add [pcsupport@altum.com](mailto:pcsupport@altum.com) to their address books or safe sender lists.** Applicants requiring technical support related to the grant submission portal should contact ProposalCentral directly.

## B. PROPOSAL AGREEMENT FORM

This form must be completed in its entirety and include the applicant's signature. All information should be typed into the Proposal Agreement Form (illegible information will not be accepted). The Proposal Agreement Form may be downloaded from the Download Templates & Instructions section in ProposalCentral.

## C. ERAS® APPLICATION

Applicants are required to upload a copy of their ERAS® application, which is available immediately after submission to ERAS®.

## D. PERSONAL STATEMENT ADDENDUM

The Personal Statement Addendum is **limited to one page** and should go beyond the information provided in the ERAS® personal statement. The addendum should provide a compelling rationale for the applicant's desire to enter the PSRTA program and include descriptions of past research experiences (e.g., clinical or laboratory experience, research education, mentorship received) that support the applicant's understanding of the commitment and drive needed to succeed in the PSRTA program, and ultimately develop a successful, independent career as a urology physician scientist. The addendum should also include urologic research interests for the PSRTA program and beyond.

## E. CONFIDENTIAL LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicants must provide the same letters of recommendation that were submitted with their ERAS® applications. Applicants are also required to **request one additional letter of recommendation, limited to three pages**, from an individual who will speak specifically to the applicant's appropriateness for the PSRTA program and potential to become a successful, independent urology physician scientist.

**Applicants are responsible for assigning letter writers to their proposals immediately after access is granted to the full proposal. It is critical for applicants to assign their letter writers as soon as possible to allow them ample time to submit their required letters by the proposal deadline** (see *Section III, Subsection B: Full Proposal*).

Once applicants assign letter writers to their proposal, ProposalCentral will send an automated email to each letter writer with an upload link that will enable them to submit their letter confidentially. Applicants have the ability to log into their proposals at any time to check the submission status of their letters of recommendation, and may resend

notification emails as needed. All required letters must be received by the proposal deadline in order for the proposal to be considered.

**Applicants are highly encouraged to contact their respective letter writers prior to the letter of intent deadline, and should instruct them to add [pcsupport@altum.com](mailto:pcsupport@altum.com) to their address books or safe sender lists.**

## III. LETTER OF INTENT AND FULL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

### A. LETTER OF INTENT

After creating a ProposalCentral account and logging into the system, the applicant can locate the Physician Scientist Residency Training Award program by clicking on the “Grant Opportunities” tab and searching for the American Urological Association as the Grant Maker. The letter of intent can be accessed by clicking the “Apply Now” button. **The letter of intent sections are listed below with additional guidance on how to complete each section.**

#### 1. Title Page

- Applicants should title the proposal as “[Last name], [First name],” and select their medical school graduation year from the options provided.

#### 2. Download Templates & Instructions

- Proposal Agreement Form – This form must be completed in its entirety and submitted with the full proposal. It is provided here to give the applicant ample time to complete.

#### 3. Enable Other Users to Access this Proposal

- This section enables applicants to give other users access to the letter of intent but is not required.

#### 4. Applicant/PI

- The applicant will need to toggle between their “Professional Profile” in ProposalCentral and sections of the letter of intent in order to reference and complete the required information.
- ORCID Identifier – In concurrence with the NIH policy requiring ORCID iDs from all applicants beginning October 2020 “to simplify applicant reporting and improve the tracking of career outcomes” (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-19-109.html>), all Urology Care Foundation award mechanisms will also require applicants to provide ORCID iDs. Applicants may register for ORCID iDs at <https://orcid.org/>.

#### 5. Eligibility

- AUA Section Information: Applicants should select the AUA Section that corresponds with where their medical school is located. **Applicants within the state of New York, New Jersey, or Pennsylvania should reference the institution’s zip code to select the appropriate Section** (see <https://www.AUAnet.org/membership/who-we-are/aua-sections-and-demographics>).

#### 6. Institution & Contacts

- Applicants should confirm that the Lead Institution is correct for their medical school.

#### 7. Preview Letter of Intent

- Signature of the title page by the PI/chairman/signing official **is not** required. Please disregard this guidance.

#### 8. Submit

## B. FULL PROPOSAL

After administrative review of the letter of intent, the AUA Office of Research will grant applicants access to the full proposal submission portal. Much of the full proposal submission will be populated with information provided in the letter of intent. **The proposal sections are listed below with additional guidance on how to complete each section.**

### 1–6. Title Page, Download Templates, Enable Other Users to Access this Proposal, Applicant/PI, Eligibility, Institutions & Contacts

#### 7. Key Personnel

- Applicants are required to identify all letter of recommendation writers for the proposal.

#### 8. Confidential Letters of Recommendation

- This section enables the applicants to invite their letter of recommendation writers to complete and submit their letters through ProposalCentral. **Applicants should complete this immediately upon gaining access to the full proposal.**
- Applicants may resend the invitation to individual letter writers and track whether the letters have been received. All letters of support must be received before the proposal deadline for the proposal to be considered for funding.

#### 9. Upload Attachments Here

- The applicant must upload all proposal components as portable document files (PDFs) with each component adhering to its specific page limitation.

#### 10. Validate

- This section will check for any required information or files missing from the full proposal.

#### 11. Print Full Application with Uploads

- No action is required in this section.

#### 12. Submit

## IV. PROPOSAL REVIEW INFORMATION

### A. PROPOSAL REVIEW AND TRAINEE SELECTION OVERVIEW

All proposals are evaluated by a peer review panel of expert physician-scientists and researchers. Following the completion of peer review, applicants with the most highly meritorious proposals will be invited to, and must participate in, a virtual Interview Day hosted by the AUA Office of Research, during which the applicant will interview with PSRTA Program Site Principal Investigators. At the conclusion of the virtual Interview Day, PSRTA Program Site Principal Investigators will contribute to an overall ranking of each applicant, and the AUA Research Chair and Director of Research will make the final Trainee selection. If the Trainee has not already visited the available PSRTA Program Sites, the AUA Office of Research will facilitate this as necessary for the Trainee to make a final decision on which program to attend.

#### Anticipated Review and Selection Timeline

- Peer review of proposals: September 2021
- Notification of interview invitation: September 21, 2021
- AUA virtual Interview Day: October 20, 2021

- PSRTA Trainee selection: October 22, 2021
- PSRTA Program Site visits (if necessary): Trainee to complete by November 21, 2021
- PSRTA Program Site selection by Trainee: November 23, 2021

**The results of the PSRTA Trainee selection process are binding for both the selected Trainee and the Program Site.** The Trainee must accept the award and complete the program, and the selected Program Site must accept the Trainee for the full residency research training.

## B. PEER REVIEW CRITERIA

**All proposals will be evaluated by a peer review panel against the following review criteria:**

- Academic accomplishments demonstrated by grades, test scores, and other academic achievements.
- Commitment to urologic research described in the Personal Statement Addendum and demonstrated by previous research experience and productivity (e.g., presentations, publications), scholarly opportunities pursued, and appropriateness of research interests.
- Research career potential described in the Letters of Recommendation and demonstrated by extracurricular activities and other research accomplishments.

**All review processes are conducted confidentially to maintain the integrity of the selection process.** Peer reviewers agree to a nondisclosure statement that all proposal and evaluation information will not be disclosed outside the peer review panel. Violations of confidentiality can result in the voiding of peer review results and other corrective actions. In addition, the applicant, mentor(s), and other individuals involved in or otherwise standing to benefit from the proposal's funding are prohibited from contacting persons involved in the review process to gain protected evaluation information or to influence the evaluation process. Violations of these prohibitions will result in the disqualification of the proposal.

## C. INTERVIEW DAY

Applicants with the most highly meritorious proposals will be invited to, and **must participate** in a virtual Interview Day hosted by the AUA Office of Research on **October 20, 2021**. Any applicant who is not selected for participation in the Interview Day will be released from the PSRTA competition and made available to complete participation in the regular Urology Residency Match Program. The virtual Interview Day will be conducted via videoconference and include:

- Presentations by the AUA Research Chair and Director of Research on key aspects and expectations of the PSRTA program.
- Presentations by PSRTA Program Site Principal Investigators.
- Individual applicant interviews with the AUA Research Chair, Director of Research, and key Office of Research personnel.
- Individual applicant interviews with PSRTA Program Site Principal Investigators and other key personnel.

## D. PSRTA TRAINEE AND PROGRAM SITE SELECTION PROCESS

Following the completion of Interview Day, PSRTA Program Site Principal Investigators will contribute to an overall ranking of each applicant. Based on these rankings and other programmatic considerations, the AUA Research Chair and Director of Research will select the PSRTA Trainee. **Applicants will be notified of the selection results no**

**later than October 22, 2021.** Applicants who were not selected for the PSRTA Trainee position will be released from the PSRTA competition and made available to complete participation in the regular Urology Residency Match Program.

The PSRTA Trainee will then be invited to visit the PSRTA Program Sites, should these visits not have previously occurred, in order to meet with urology and research faculty, tour the facilities, and learn additional information about residency and clinical research training. The AUA Office of Research will cover all travel expenses within the AUA's travel guidelines. Following these site visits, the PSRTA Trainee will **select a Program Site to attend and notify the AUA Office of Research of this selection no later than November 23, 2021.**

## E. NOTICE OF AWARD

For the PSRTA Trainee and Program Site selected for funding, a Notice of Award letter will be issued prior to the start of the period of performance to provide notification that an award has been made and specify the terms and conditions of the award.

The Urology Care Foundation including the sponsors for their award programs does not assume responsibility for the conduct of the activities that the award supports, or for the acts of the award recipient, because both are under the direction and control of the award recipient's institution and subject to its medical and scientific policies.

## V. AWARD REQUIREMENTS

### A. REPORTING

**Failure to adhere to reporting requirements and/or provide appropriate documentation may result in a delay in payments of other awards to the institution or suspension of the awardee, mentor(s), or institution from eligibility for subsequent Urology Care Foundation funding opportunities.** Unless approved by the institution and the Urology Care Foundation, failure to complete the duration of the research period may result in repayment of unspent funds to the Urology Care Foundation. Specific guidance on the format, content, and deadlines for all reporting requirements will be provided in the Notice of Award.

#### 1. PGY-1 AND PGY-2 PROGRESS REPORTS

The PSRTA Trainee will be required to submit biannual progress reports during PGY-1 and PGY-2 that detail the Trainee's performance in clinical training and specific engagement in research-related activities. Program Site Principal Investigators will be required to submit an annual report that describes the Trainee's progress and provides information on the successes and challenges of the training program as a whole.

#### 2. RESEARCH YEAR 1 PROGRESS REPORTS

In addition to the reporting requirements described for the PSRTA Trainee and Principal Investigators during PGY-1 and PGY-2, the PSRTA Trainee's research project mentor(s) will also be required to submit a progress report detailing engagement in research activities related to the Trainee's upcoming research project.

#### 3. RESEARCH YEAR 2 AND 3 PROGRESS REPORTS

The PSRTA Trainee's research project primary mentor will be required to submit annual reports that detail the research progress of the Trainee, the Trainee's career development activities, and information on the successes and challenges of the research training overall. Biannual progress reports will be required from the Trainee that describe

the advancement of the Trainee’s research project, presentations at regional or national meetings, and manuscripts submitted for publication. PSRTA Program Site Principal Investigators will also be required to submit annual reports.

**Should a site visit be requested by the AUA Office of Research, the Program Site will be required to accommodate the visit, with costs to be covered by the AUA Office of Research.**

#### 4. PGY-3 – PGY-5 PROGRESS REPORTS

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The PSRTA Trainee and Program Site Principal Investigators will continue to provide biannual and annual progress reports, respectively, that describe performance in clinical training and ongoing, albeit limited, engagement in research-related activities.

#### 5. INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

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The Institutional Accountability Report (IAR) is a form that re-affirms that the institution is adhering to all terms of the Program Announcement, Proposal Agreement Form, and Notice of Award, especially the provisions of institutional support, use of Urology Care Foundation funds, and level of effort requirements. Continued funding is contingent upon receipt of a satisfactory report. The PSRTA Program Site Sponsored Programs Office will be required to submit an IAR annually at the end of each complete year of residency training.

#### 6. PUBLIC ACCESS PUBLISHING AND SHARING OF GRANT INFORMATION

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All Urology Care Foundation awardees are subject to a public access policy. In addition, the AUA is a member of the Health Research Alliance (HRA)—a national consortium of non-governmental, nonprofit funders of biomedical research and training—and has agreed to deposit grant information in the HRA database of privately funded grants, HRA Reporter.

The AUA and its Urology Care Foundation reserve the right to include information relating to the grant (such as the grantee name and project title) in materials issued by or on behalf of the AUA and Urology Care Foundation, including periodic reports, newsletters or news releases, the website, or in any other materials issued by or on behalf of the AUA and the Urology Care Foundation. The following award information will be provided to the HRA Reporter database and **may be shared with the public**: investigator name, degrees, clinical specialty if applicable, institution, project title, abstract, grant start date and duration, grant amount and ORCID iD of the investigator if applicable. HRA aggregates these data for its member organizations and for periodic publication of findings (see <https://www.healthra.org/hra-platforms/hra-open/> for more information).

#### 7. OUTCOMES REPORTING

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Following the completion of the project period, the AUA Office of Research may contact previous awardees to collect additional award outcomes information including, but not limited to, publications, funding, invited speakerships and presentations, mentorship, and leadership positions within the AUA or affiliated organizations.

### B. REGULATORY APPROVALS AND EXEMPTIONS

#### 1. INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)

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**The applicant must provide a letter of approval or exemption from the local IRB if activities involving human subjects are planned during the proposed research project.** IRB letters of approval or exemption are required within 90 days prior to the start of the research project (anticipated to be in the second year of research funding).

## 2. INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC)

**The applicant must submit a letter of approval or exemption by the IACUC if activities involving vertebrate animals are planned during the research project.** IACUC letters of approval or exemption are required within 90 days prior to the start of the research project (anticipated to be in the second year of research funding).

## C. CHANGES TO CONTACT INFORMATION, PROJECT, PERSONNEL, INSTITUTION, OR FUNDING

**Any potential changes that occur in the institutional or trainee components of the PSRTA after the proposal is selected for an award, or at any time during the award period, must be expeditiously reported to and approved by the AUA Office of Research.** Failure to provide timely reporting of any significant changes to any components of the PSRTA may result in delay of payments, termination of the award, and/or withdrawal of institutional eligibility for any subsequent Urology Care Foundation support.

In the case that the Trainee withdraws from the program for any reason at any time during PGY-1 or PGY-2, or during Research Years 1–3, the residency program may be permitted, at the sole and final discretion of the AUA Office of Research, to transfer the award to another resident within the same residency program, or an alternate course of action will be determined by the AUA Office of Research in consultation with the Program Site.

If the Trainee or residency program is selected for any additional funding that may be considered to potentially overlap with Urology Care Foundation funding, the Program Site and/or trainee must contact the AUA Office of Research to discuss appropriate courses of action.

## D. PUBLICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Awardees are required to send electronic copies of articles published based on Physician Scientist Residency Training Award-funded research to the AUA Office of Research at [grantsmanager@AUAnet.org](mailto:grantsmanager@AUAnet.org). Any publication or presentation arising from work supported in whole or in part by the award should include the following acknowledgment:

“This work was supported in part by the Urology Care Foundation Physician Scientist Residency Training Award and Dornier MedTech.”

## E. AUA AND UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION RESEARCH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Each year, the AUA and the Urology Care Foundation coordinate several educational events designed to advance urologic research, especially for early-career investigators. These events are held during the AUA Annual Meeting and at AUA Headquarters in Linthicum, Maryland. The AUA Office of Research also provides opportunities for Urology Care Foundation-funded investigators to present posters at some of these events, and travel awards may be available (see *Section VI: Urology Care Foundation Travel Support Program*).

**The PSRTA Trainee is required to attend the AUA Annual Meeting during each year of the training program (PGY-1–5 and Research Years 1–3) for the following events:**

- Basic Sciences Symposium
- Challenges for Urologic Research Symposium
- Early-Career Investigators Showcase
- Funding Opportunities and Grant Writing Workshop
- Urologic Oncology Research Symposium
- Early-Career Scientists Exchange

- Urology Care Foundation Research Honors Program and Reception

**The PSRTA Trainee is required to attend the following events at AUA Headquarters during the program Research Years 1–3:**

- Early-Career Investigators Workshop
- Co-sponsored Research Symposia

The Trainee should refer to the Notice of Award for additional information.

## VI. UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION TRAVEL SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Urology Care Foundation Scholar Travel Support Program is administered by the AUA Office of Research and is intended to provide opportunities for Urology Care Foundation-funded investigators to attend scientific or professional meetings relevant to urologic research. **This program provides up to \$1,500 of travel support to the PSRTA Trainee for each year of the program** (PGY-1–5 and Research Years 1–3). Awardees should refer to the Notice of Award for information regarding travel support applications and limitations.

## VII. CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions related to the 2022 Program Announcement or submission requirements should be directed to the AUA Office of Research. The preferred method of communication is email at [grantsmanager@auanet.org](mailto:grantsmanager@auanet.org). Phone calls, when necessary, may be directed to 410-689-3763. Assistance is typically available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern time. Response times may vary depending upon the volume of inquiries.