



<b>AUA Staff Liaison</b>	W. Taylor Monson, MA
<b>Chair</b>	Maryrose Sullivan, PhD
<b>Terms of Office</b>	Chair: 2 years (non-renewable) Members: 3 years (renewable once)

### **Committee Makeup**

The Committee is composed of 8-12 members. 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 staff liaison will work with the Committee Chair to collaboratively assess and prioritize all recommendations prior to new member selection and invitation.

### **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 approximately every other month or as deemed necessary by the Committee Chair and Research Grants Program Officer, with 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 seven research grant funding mechanisms, six research awards of distinction, and all investigator support programs (e.g., USMART Academy, scholar travel support program, etc.) 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, mechanism leader role, USMART Academy mentor, 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.

### **Qualifications**

#### *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, Board of Directors, 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.

#### *Members:*

- Must have a strong track record of achievement in urologic research.
- Must possess substantive scientific peer review experience.
- Must possess a strong track record of mentoring and urology training experience.

### **Recent Accomplishments 2023**

- Provided policy guidance and review panel leadership for the solicitation, receipt, and scientific review of 200+ 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 Diversity Program; Physician Scientist Residency Training Award, Boston Scientific Medical Student Innovation Fellowship; and Medical Student Fellowship.
- Expanded early career mentee positions available from 10 to 15 in the highly acclaimed Urology Scientific Mentoring and Research Training (USMART) Academy.
- Led the review and selection of six prestigious Research Awards of Distinction to recognize the work of accomplished urologic researchers.
- Enhanced processes for applicants, reviewers, and recipients of all research grant supported by the Urology Care Foundation with new measures to create more diversity, equity, and inclusiveness in the field.
- Revised engagement with other AUA investigator support programs (e.g., Early Career Investigator Workshop, Early Career Investigator Showcase, USMART Academy, etc.) to ensure the committee provides onramps to support early career urology researchers from groups underrepresented in



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- Identified and adopted program changes to broaden applicant access to the medical student fellowships funding mechanism and better integrate medical students into AUA research.