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| <b>AUA Staff Liaison</b> | Diana Tsuji  |
| <b>Chair</b>             | Margot Damaser, PhD  |
| <b>Terms of Office</b>   | Chair: 2 years (non-renewable)<br>Member: 3 years (renewable once) |

### **Committee Makeup**

The Committee is composed of 8-12 members, including members of the Research Council. 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 Director of Research 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 researchers through equitable and inclusive education, conferences, and communications to foster inter-disciplinary, collaborative science with the goal of positively impacting urologic health.

### **Committee Meetings**

The Research Education, Conferences, and Communications Committee shall meet by teleconference approximately bimonthly or as deemed necessary by the Committee Chair, Research Council Chair and Director of Research, with the possibility of one in-person meeting per year typically at AUA Headquarters. The Chair of the Committee will also participate in all Research Council meetings.

### **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 subcommittees that may be created. The Chair, moreover, must work in a mutually effective and collaborative manner with the Research Council Chair and Director of Research and Staff Liaison 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 Research Council Meetings and Committee meetings and 2) work collaboratively and effectively with the Research Council Chair, other members of the Research Education, Conferences, and Communications Committee, and the Director of Research and other Office of Research staff.



### Criteria for Selecting New Members

- Extensive experience in urologic research
- Experience in research conference program planning (e.g., educational research initiatives, and/or communications initiatives that advance urologic research)

### 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 conference program planning, educational research initiatives, and/or communications initiatives to advance urologic research.
- Must be an 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, Board of Directors, and staff.

### Recent Accomplishments 2023

- The **2023 Early Career Investigators Workshop (ECIW)**, the 11th workshop since the event's inauguration, was held in-person at AUA Headquarters. Thirty early-career urology researchers worked with experienced mentors to learn the foundations of grant writing.
- **Office of Research Scientific Symposium for AUA2024** planned by RECCC members included Basic Science Symposium, "Spatial Biology in Benign and Malignant Urologic Disease", Urologic Oncology Research Symposium, "Implementation Science: Translating Clinical Studies into Practice", Challenges in Urologic Research Symposium, "Transitional Urology: The New Frontier", and the inaugural Research Independent Practice Research Symposium, "Residents Guide to Clinical Research: Clinical Trials for Independent Practice".
- **Co-sponsored Symposia:** Held in-person in March 2023, the "**Clinical and Biological Implications of Tumor Heterogeneity**" symposium, co-sponsored with the Johns Hopkins Greenberg Bladder Cancer Institute brought together thought leaders to review the current state of the science and develop new methods for accommodating tumor heterogeneity in biomarker development and the clinical management of bladder cancer in patients. The workshop focused on 4 major research areas that appear to be significantly impacted by tumor heterogeneity – molecular subtypes, DNA-based clonal evolution, the tumor immune landscape, and bladder cancer histologic variants.
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