

## **Terms of Reference**

### **CUASF-Laborie Research Grant for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) Grant Program 2024-2025**

Laborie Medical Technologies (“Laborie”) has entered a commitment to research and development within the urology scientific community, as a collaborative effort with the Canadian Urological Scholarship Foundation (CUASF). The CUASF Laborie Research Grant for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) was established to support our affiliate, the Functional and Reconstructive Urology Society of Canada (FRUSC).

#### **Key Dates:**

Application Deadline	April 1, 2025
Notification Date	CUA 2025 Annual Meeting
Study update Submitted to CUASF	Within 6 months of receipt of the funding

#### **Objectives and Scope:**

The objective of the CUASF Laborie Research Grant for the Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) Grant Program is to support peer-reviewed urology research that promotes excellence in the management and treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH). Research that supports an understanding of the causes, progression, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of BPH will be considered. Basic science and clinical research, diagnostic and minimally invasive intervention research will be considered for funding.

It is anticipated that 1 grant of \$60,000 will be provided over a 12- month performance period.

#### **Eligibility:**

The CUASF Scientific Council shall receive, process, and evaluate the submitted proposals. Eligible applicants must fulfill all of the following criteria:

- CUA membership
- M.D. or Ph.D. trained individuals.
- Agreeable to execute an Investigator-Initiated Study Agreement with the CUASF
- Agreeable to provide a progress report, including a publication/congress plan, to the CUASF for dissemination of study results.

### Eligible Research Proposals:

- The proposal may belong to any one of the following categories:
  - Clinical, translational, or interventional studies
  - Basic science research
  - Epidemiology, health outcomes, and quality of life studies
  - Care enhancement projects, where the primary focus is to understand the results of healthcare practices and interventions as well as monitor and improve the quality of care.
- The study or project must be completed within 12 months of receipt of funding; no renewals will be considered. The proposed application should include a 'standalone' project.
- The current Grant is not meant to complete funding for larger projects.

### Non-eligible Proposals:

- Proposals for projects that have received funding from another source, including government or industry sponsors,
- Proposals outside of the scope of functional urology, without an emphasis on benign prostatic hyperplasia, will not be eligible.
- Proposals involving treatments or studies aiming to evaluate the effects of a Laborie competitor will not be eligible.

### **Review Criteria:**

Submissions will be reviewed and approved by the CUASF Scientific Council. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

#### Significance:

- Scientific merit (validity, integrity, originality)
- Contribution to advancement of scientific knowledge or patient care in BPH
- Clinical relevance or potential clinical value and applicability

#### Feasibility:

- Feasibility of project or study design, methodology and analysis
- Adequate power and sample size, if applicable
- Proposed timelines
- Budget

All applications must include the following:

- Completed Application Form
- Proposal not exceeding five (5) single spaced pages, which includes references, 12 fonts, 1-inch margins.
- Curriculum Vitae (Please submit a pdf version of your Common (CHIR) CV)
- Project budget
- Letter of support from the Department/Division Chair agreeing to conform to the Terms of Reference. The letter should indicate the level of support and commitment by the university/institution for the candidate.
- A detailed plan to apply for appropriate Ethics Committee approval and Regulatory approval (Clinical Trial Application in cases of non-marketed drugs or marketed drugs where the proposed use is outside the parameters of the Notice of Compliance) must be included along with the consent forms where human subjects are involved in the research project considered.
- A list of all current grants and submitted grant applications in the past 3 years (maximum of 1-2 pages) with the title of the grant, granting agency and amount of the grant.
- Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

The following are suggestions for preparation of the proposal. The headings suggested including 1) Statement of Objective(s), 2) Brief review of literature and background information, 3) Hypothesis(es), 4) Design and Methodology, 5) Analysis of Data, 6) Anticipated Timeline, 7) Impact, and 8) Budget.

The completed application form plus supporting documents must be submitted electronically to [marfisa.defrancesco@cua.org](mailto:marfisa.defrancesco@cua.org) **no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>,2025. Please make sure you receive a confirmation email that the application has been received.**

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