



CUASF-SIU International Scholarship Program 2025-2026

TERMS OF REFERENCE 2025-2026

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the CUASF-SIU International Scholarship Program is to foster the improvement of urological care in developing countries, through the financial support of initiatives to educate international urologists or international urological fellow trainees planning to return to their home country. Any trainee or urologist from a developing country who is interested in receiving hands-on training at an SIU-designated training center or clinical/research fellowship at a Canadian institution can apply for this award. Similarly, Canadian urologists who are SIU members in good standing and plan to travel to a developing country to provide hands-on training and education for local urologists can apply.

AWARD

Every year, a maximum of \$20,000 may be awarded. Each grant may cover a period of 1 month to one year, for up to \$2,000 per month of training, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per award.

Awarded applications must meet the Program's stated objective. Awards are not renewable and are for a period of up to one (1) year.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The amount of each Grant should include direct costs (labour and study costs) and study drug costs (if applicable). Indirect costs are not eligible under this grant. Each payment will be made in a lump sum. Institutions are required to waive overhead fees.

CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

Applicants

Be fully trained urologists working in a developing country, or Canada, or a resident of a developing country, as defined by the International Monetary Fund (B and C countries). (P.I or Co P.I must be a urologist).

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Developing_country).

Applicants need to provide confirmation of acceptance into a clinical and/or research urology fellowship at a Canadian institution or letter of acceptance from one of the SIU-designated training centers.

Trainees must display intent to return to their home country following completion of the training.

Provide details on other sources of funding, and list of expected expenses; and

Prior to receipt of the Award:

The recipient must apply for CUA Candidate or active membership and SIU Trainee membership if not already a respective member of each; and

The host institution must provide the CUASF with confirmation of current enrolment of the recipient

Award recipients are required to submit a written report to the chair of the CUASF Scientific Council before completing their training and a follow up report within twelve (12) months, summarizing how their training has enhanced the urological care in their country. The CUASF will forward this report to the SIU National Society Delegates of both Canada and the recipient's home country.

APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS

The **application deadline** for the CUASF-SIU International Scholarship Program is **1st of April of each year**. Applicants must be commencing their first or second year of fellowship training within the next year.

All applications are to be submitted electronically (www.cuasf.org) and must include:

- Completed application form.
- Personal letter of support, including how their application meets the Program's "Objective"
- Trainees need to provide a declaration of intent to return to their home country following completion of training AND confirmation of acceptance at the institution, which includes stated length or dates of training period
- Letter of recommendation from a home country medical institute.
- Curriculum Vitae (Please submit a pdf version of your Common (CHIR) CV)
- All submissions are reviewed by the CUASF Scientific Council chair and a committee.

All applications should be submitted online via: www.cuasf.org

For any questions, please contact:

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