



Terms of Reference

CUASF-CEG Endourology Grant Program 2026-2027

Key Dates:

Application Deadline	April 1, 2027
Notification Date	CUA 2027 Annual Meeting
Study update Submitted to CUASF	Within 6 months of receipt of the funding.

Objectives and Scope:

The objective of the CUASF-CEG Endourology Grant Program is to support peer-reviewed research or care enhancement projects that promote excellence in endourology, including management of stones, BPH and benign upper tract disease. Studies with a primary focus in urologic oncology will not be considered. The ultimate goal of this award is to improve patient care or further understanding of the biology of urologic diseases in the field of endourology. The CUASF-CEG Endourology Grant Program will recognize and highlight outstanding endourologic research/care enhancement projects in Canada.

Grants will be awarded to the successful applicant (or applicant's institution on behalf of the applicant, if applicable). It is anticipated that 1 grant of \$50,000 will be provided over a 12-month performance period.

Eligibility:

The CUASF Scientific Council shall receive, process, and evaluate the submitted proposals. Eligibility criteria are as follows:

Eligible Applicants:

- All CUA members
- Agrees to execute an Investigator-Initiated Study or a Care Enhancement Project with the CUASF

- Agrees to provide a progress report, including publication/congress plan, to the CUASF for dissemination of study results.
- Duplicate applications submitted to multiple grant competitions within the CUASF will not be funded should both be selected for funding. Only 1 grant submission in this scenario would receive funding.
- Winners of CUASF-CEG Endourology Grant Program will be expected to serve as a reviewer for the next 3 grant cycles for CUASF-CEG Endourology Grant Program unless the winner applies for said grant.

Eligible Research Proposals:

- The proposal may belong to one of the following categories:
 - Clinical, translational, or interventional studies
 - Basic research, genetic studies
 - Epidemiology, health outcomes, and quality of life studies
 - Care enhancement/Quality improvement 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 will ideally be completed within 12 months of receipt of funding. Renewals will not be considered but grants extensions will be allowed at the discretion of the CUASF. 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, will not be eligible to receive a CUASF-CEG endourology grant.
- Proposals outside of the scope of endourology will not be eligible.

Review Criteria:

The CUASF-CEG Endourology Grant Program proposals will be reviewed and approved by the CUASF Scientific Council and the CEG executive committee. 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 the relevant therapeutic field
- 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

Guidelines for Application Submission:

- Original, previously unpublished / project
- The award is not intended to supplement an existing or larger grant.
- A budget must be submitted.

All applications must include the following:

- Completed Application Form
- Proposal not exceeding five (5) single spaced pages, which includes references. Margins set at 1 inch, 12-point font.
- Curriculum Vitae
- 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.
- For research proposals, 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.

The following are heading suggestions for preparation of the proposal:

1) Statement of Objective(s), 2) Brief review of literature and background information, 3) Hypothesis(es) in case or research proposals, 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 no later than **April 1st, 2027. Please make sure you receive a confirmation email that the application has been received.**

Conditions of the CUASF-CEG Endourology Grant Program
Grant recipients are expected to present their findings at the CUA annual meeting as well as other scientific meetings and to submit their work for publication in peer-reviewed journals. All publications that result from a project supported by the CUASF-CEG Endourology Grant Program should carry the following acknowledgement:

"This research project was supported by the Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Foundation- Canadian Endourology Group."

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