



CUASF Early to Mid - Investigator Research Scholarship

TERMS OF REFERENCE 2026 - 2027

GENERAL INFORMATION

The objective of the Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Fund (CUASF) Early to Mid - Investigator Scholarship is to provide financial support for Urologic Research conducted in Canada.

This academic-based research award is designed to support a faculty member at an approved medical school in Canada within six (6) years of their initial Academic appointment. All candidates must be CUA members, have an MD and have completed training in urology.

AWARD

The successful recipient henceforth referred to as "Early to Mid - Investigator Scholar," will be remunerated up to **\$50,000** for one year. The Early to Mid-Investigator Scholar may apply for renewal of the award for a second year. The Scholar will have a period of 18 months after completion of the first year of funding to apply for renewal. Renewal of the award is not automatic and depends on scientific merit and the availability of research funds. Please note that priority is generally given to first-time applicants. The CUASF will allow for a maximum of two extensions requests. If the project cannot be completed after the two extension requests the funds must be returned to CUASF.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- The Early to Mid- Investigator Scholar must have a (within 6 years) Canadian University Faculty appointment, at the level of Assistant Professor or Lecturer. Applicants will be considered beyond their first 6 years of practice if they have taken time off for parental or sick leave.
- Preference will be given to proposals that do NOT use the funding for salary support, but rather direct funds to operating expenses of the research proposal. The award should not take the place of financial commitments to the faculty member by the University or Hospital. Preference will be given to

applicants who have protected research time from the department/division head.

- The Early to Mid-Investigator Scholar must commit to spending at least 25% of their time on research.
- No candidate can hold the CUASF Career Development Award for Research and the CUASF Early to Mid-Investigator Research Scholarship simultaneously.
- Applicants must be members of the CUA or have registered for CUA membership at the time of submission.
- It is highly encouraged for grant recipients to attend the CUA Annual Meeting and be present to receive the grant during the CUASF grant announcement session.
- 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 Early to Mid-Investigator Research Grant Program will be expected to serve as a reviewer for the next 3 grant cycles for Early to Mid-Investigator Research Grant Program unless the winner submits an application for said grant.

An applicant cannot win two awards in the same grant competition.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The amount of each Grant should include direct costs (labor and study costs) and study 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.

Rating and selection of candidates for the Early to Mid-Investigator Scholarships is based on scientific merit as determined by members of the Scientific Council of the CUASF. The minimum score to obtain an award is 7.5/10.0. There will be a maximum of 4 awards per year.

OBLIGATIONS FOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

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- All award recipients are expected to present the results of their research, at the CUA Annual Meeting and at other national and international meetings, and to submit their work for publication in peer-reviewed journals including the Canadian Urological Association Journal (CUAJ).

- Support from the CUASF should be acknowledged in all presentations and publications.
- A progress report must be submitted to the Chair of Scientific Council at the midpoint of the reward (January of each year). If the Scientific Council deems that the Scholarship or award holder has not made sufficient progress, further installments may be withheld. This progress report is separate and not part of any reapplication process for the renewal of this award.

APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS

All applications are to be submitted electronically via the CUASF website (www.cuasf.org). The completed application must be received no later than midnight on **March 1, 2027**. Candidates must arrange for a letter of support from their University Department/Division Chair. The letter should indicate the level of support including financial and/or infrastructure. Two additional letters of recommendation are required, one of which should come from an individual not at the candidate's current institution or department. For renewal applicants only, a progress report is required in addition to the documentation listed. Incomplete applications or late documentation received after the closing date will not be considered.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The following are suggestions for preparation of the research proposal for the CUA scholarship award. The headings suggested including:

- 1) Statement of Objective (s)
- 2) Recent relevant research by applicant
- 3) Brief review of literature and background information
- 4) Hypothesis (es)
- 5) Design and Methodology
- 6) Analysis of Data
- 7) Impact of the proposed research
- 8) Budget
- 9) References

In addition, the following must accompany the application:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Research Proposal not exceeding five (5) single spaced, typewritten pages in standard 12 font including budget and references (Please refer to "Guidelines for Application Submission" above for suggested headings.)
- Curriculum Vitae (Please submit a pdf version of your Common (CHIR) CV)

- Letter of support from the Department/Division Chair supporting this application and agreeing to conform to the Terms of Reference. The letter should indicate the level of support and commitment by the University and the institution for the candidate.
- Two (2) additional letters of recommendation, one (1) of which should come from an individual not associated with the Institution where the proposed research will take place.
- Evidence of appropriate Ethics Committee approval or application for approval must be included along with the consent forms where human subjects are involved in the study.
- 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.

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

Renewal applications should include all the above documentation. No Progress Report is required for a renewal application. Progress Reports are to be submitted at the mid-point of the original award (see above).

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

Scholarships are approved by the Executive Council of the CUASF after recommendation from the Chair of the Scientific Council. Notification of the awards will be made at the Annual Meeting of the CUA in June 2027.

Both successful and unsuccessful candidates will receive a summary and a constructive critique from the Scientific Council.

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