

CUASF Medical Student Elective Bursary

TERMS OF REFERENCE 2026–2027

Supporting Medical Student Participation in Urology Electives

Background

The Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Foundation (CUASF) is committed to supporting medical students with an interest in urology and promoting equitable access to educational opportunities within the specialty. Urology programs across Canada host visiting elective students annually as part of the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) process. Given the competitiveness of the urology residency match, medical students often undertake multiple out-of-province electives to demonstrate interest in the specialty and strengthen their residency applications.

On average, applicants complete electives at three Canadian urology programs, outside of their home institution. Participation in these electives is associated with significant out-of-pocket expenses, including travel, accommodation, and elective application fees.

The CUASF Medical Student Elective Bursary has been established to help offset these costs and support equitable access to urology elective opportunities for medical students across Canada.

APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS

Application deadline: **March 1, 2027**

Notification Date: Prior to the CUA Annual Meeting

The completed application form and supporting documents must be submitted electronically to: marfisa.defrancesco@cua.org

Please ensure you receive confirmation that your application has been received.

Applicants must submit:

- Completed application form
- Current curriculum vitae (CV)
- Completed self-identification questionnaire

Objectives and Scope

The objective of the CUASF Medical Student Elective Bursary is to reduce financial barriers associated with participation in urology electives and to support medical students exploring urology as a career.

Award Value

Up to **five (5) bursaries** will be awarded annually in the amount of **\$1,000 each**.

Eligibility

CUASF will receive and process applications. Bursaries will be awarded based on the following eligibility criteria:

- Applicant must be enrolled in a Canadian medical school.
- Applicant must be applying for, participating in, or have completed a Canadian urology elective during the current application cycle.
- Applicants must submit all required application materials by the application deadline.
- Applicant must be a CUA Member

Review Process

Applications will be confidentially reviewed and approved by the adjudication committee appointed by the CUASF.

The review committee will consist of:

- CUA Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA) Committee Chair (or designate)
- Canadian Undergraduate Urology Curriculum Committee (CanUUC) Chair (or designate)
- Representative from the CUA BIPOC Working Group
- CUA Resident Committee Chair (or designate)

Committee members will review applications and participate in the final selection of successful recipients.

Inquiries

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