

TERMS OF REFERENCE 2026 - 2027

Bayer - CUASF- CUOG Research Award in Prostate Cancer

Background

Bayer Canada along with the Canadian Urological Association and CUOG, are proud to support The Prostate Cancer Pitch Research Award. With this award, we hope to further research in Prostate Cancer to improve the lives of Canadian men who are affected by this condition.

APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm ET on March 1, 2027.
The completed application form plus supporting documents must be submitted electronically to **marfisa.defrancesco@cua.org** . **Please make sure you receive a confirmation email that the application has been received.**

The top two finalists will be notified during the week of April 26, 2027.

Finalists must be available to present their research proposal during the CUA-CUOG GU Cancers Multidisciplinary Meeting, scheduled from 11:10 am – 11:40 a.m., on Saturday, June 26, 2027, in Halifax. Applicants must also agree to have the session recorded and posted online as an on-demand viewing session.

If you have any questions or require support preparing or submitting your application, please email Marfisa.defrancesco@cua.org

Required Supporting Documentation

- Curriculum vitae outlining any prior research experience and/or publications.

- Hi-resolution photo of the applicant along with a brief bio. By submitting the photo and brief bio, the applicant provides consent for the photo and bio to be used in the promotion of the research award.
- Research timeline
- Completed budget.

Objectives and Scope

This program is geared towards practicing urologists, urologic oncologists, and GU medical oncologists. The research proposals will be judged by two members of the CUOG Executive and two members of the CUASF Scientific Council. The winners will be announced at the CUA-CUOG GU Cancers Multidisciplinary Meeting, Saturday, June 26, 2027, in Halifax. The competition will be promoted through all CUA marketing channels including websites, social media channels, and any promotional printed matter.

The review committee will select the top two submissions, who will be invited to pitch their proposals live at the CUA-CUOG GU Cancers Multidisciplinary Meeting, taking place **Saturday, June 26, 2027**, in Halifax.

Each of the top two selected presenters will present for five mins followed by five minutes Q&A per presenter. After the pitches, the evaluation committee will deliberate and rank the pitches. After the keynote, the judges will announce the winners.

Award Overview

While all prostate cancer topics will be considered, preference will be given to those using digital innovations in optimizing patient screening and care, including artificial intelligence (AI) and remote screening.

Two prizes will be awarded by the judging panel for a total of $75,000.00 (first prize: $50,000, second prize: $25,000).

Funded research must be completed within thirty-six months from the start of funding. After the Annual Meeting, CUASF will distribute the funding to the winner's institution. A research status report will be requested and should be submitted six months from the ensuing year that the project is running.

Eligibility Requirements

- MUST be a CUA Member: Active (Urologist/Uro-Oncologist) or Associate (GU Medical Oncologist).
- One submission per applicant will be accepted.

- Award funds are solely intended for Canadian research purposes.
- Applicants must currently reside in Canada.
- The award and funds are intended for original research conducted by applicant (Active or Associate CUA member) and should not supplement funding for an ongoing project.
- If the submission refers to a multi-center clinical trial, the applicant must specify his/her specific role in the research study.
- If the application is for a sub-study of an ongoing project or trial, the applicant must specify his/her role and explain how the sub-study is distinct from the main study.
- If the scope of the project is greater than the funds awarded, the applicant must explain in what area the grant will be used. If another member of the team is involved in the project, the applicant is to describe his/her role in the study.
- The funds awarded may be used as a standalone or may be further leveraged by applying for funding from another source.
- A research status report will be requested and should be submitted six months of the ensuing year(s) that the project is running.
- Upon completion of the project, there is an expectation that the output of the research will be submitted for presentation at oncology congresses like the CUA Annual Meeting and/or CUA-CUOG GU Cancers Multidisciplinary Meeting. The submission must acknowledge the source of the research funding as the Bayer-CUASF-CUOG award.

Review Process

All applications will be pre-screened by the CUOG and CUASF grant review committee members. Applications that are late, incomplete and/or do not meet the basic eligibility criteria will not be considered for review.

Evaluation of applications will be based on three criteria:

- Quality
- Importance
- Feasibility. A portion of the review will be based on the candidate's presentation delivered during the symposium.

Inquiries

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