GUMOC-CUASF Research Grant

Terms of Reference 2026-2027

BACKGROUND

GUMOC is proud to announce a research grant in partnership with the Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Foundation (CUASF).
The –GUMOC-CUASF Research Grant was initiated by the Genitourinary Medical Oncologists of Canada (GUMOC) to support trainees in scientific research and innovation for genitourinary cancer in Canada. The objective of the research scholarship grant is to provide financial support for genitourinary medical oncology research conducted in Canada. The –GUMOC-CUASF Research Grant has been established to support medical students, residents and fellows involved in GU Medical Oncology research that will be peer reviewed by the –GUMOC-CUASF executive.

KEY DATES

Call out for proposals	**November 2026**
Application deadline	**April 1st 2027**
Notification Date	**May 15th 2027**
Study update submitted to GUMOC	**June 2027 at GUMOC**

OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

The objective of the GUMOC-CUASF Research Scholarship Fund is to support trainees involved with **Genitourinary medical oncology research in Canada**, and to promote excellence in cancer research with the ultimate goal of improving outcomes for patients with Genitourinary malignancies. Proposals may include basic science, translational or clinical research. Grant recipients are expected to demonstrate an improved understanding of the specific research area and/or contribute to improving patient care in GU oncology.

Two (2) grants of $50,000 each will be awarded for a total of $100,000. GUMOC will donate $50,000 and the CUASF will match $50,000. The grant funding should be used for operational expenses and is not to be used for salary support. The funding is non-renewable.

ELIGIBILITY

The GUMOC-CUASF Executive committee shall receive, process, and evaluate the submitted proposals. Proposals will receive Grants based on the following:

Eligible Applicants

- Medical students, oncology residents, or oncology fellows.
- Must be sponsored by a GUMOC member who will serve as the PI on the study. The PI must agree to oversee the research and assist with grant administration on the recipient's end.
- All Medical Oncologists MUST be a CUA Associate Member
- Training at a recognized university, health care institution, or research institute.
- Agree to provide a progress report, including publication/congress plan, to the GUMOC for dissemination of study results.
- Agree to participate in presentation of study results at a subsequent annual GUMOC meeting.
- 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.
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Eligible Research Proposals

In 2027, the research proposals being considered will be in all areas of Genito-urinary medical oncology research. The research proposal must involve a project which will be completed by the trainee.

The research proposal may belong to any one of the following categories:

- Clinical, translational, interventional studies.
- Basic research, genetic studies
- Epidemiology, health outcomes, and quality of life studies

The project should be completed by the end of the applicants training period. There is no renewal of funding. The proposed application should include a 'stand alone' project. The current Grant is not meant to complete funding for larger projects.

Non-eligible Research Proposals

The following types of proposals will not be eligible:

- Proposals for projects that have received funding from another source, including government or industry sponsors.
- Proposal budgets more than $50,000 will not be considered unless there are available matching funds from the applicant's institution.
- Proposals for pharmaceutical product development (including studies on non-approved indications for drugs) and/or product comparison, or product promotion will not be considered.

Review Criteria

The –GUMOC-CUASF Research Scholarship Fund proposals will be reviewed and approved by the CUASF - GUMOC Executive Committee.

Research proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Significance:
- Scientific merit (validity, integrity, originality)
- Contribution to advancement of scientific knowledge in relevant therapeutic field
- Clinical relevance or potential clinical value and applicability
- Originality of the research plan

Feasibility:
- Feasibility of study design, methodology, analysis
- Ability of trainee and investigator to conduct the research in his/her research environment
- Adequate power and sample size
- Study budget
- Proposed timelines.

Scoring:
- Applications will be ranked on a scale of 1 to 10 based on the above evaluation criteria. The minimum score required to fund a grant will be 7.5.

Guidelines for Application

Submission

The research proposal, including the budget and references, should not exceed five (5) pages and should be in the standard 12 font (not including Lay Summary). The completed application must be no later than May 1st, 2027.

The following are suggestions for preparation of the ***research proposal***. The headings suggested include: 1) Statement of Objective(s), 2) Background, 3) Hypothesis(es), 4) Design and Methodology, 5) Analysis of Data, 6) Anticipated Timeline, 7) Impact, 8) Budget and 9) References.

In addition, the following must accompany the research proposal: 1) Cover letter summarizing the proposal, 2) Research proposal, 3) Letter of support and commitment from the Primary Investigator indicating the level of personal, institutional and/or university support, 4) Trainee's CV 5) Primary Investigator's CV.

Conditions of the CUASF - GUMOC Research Scholarship Fund

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.

Contract Administration

A copy of the Template Grant Agreement signed by the Grant recipient, the PI, and the Grant recipient's affiliated institution (if applicable) must be returned to the CUASF prior to disbursement of Grant funds. Studies must be designed to be completed within 12 months after receipt of funding, yielding results that would merit submission as an abstract to a scientific meeting and subsequent publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

Progress Reports

The grant recipient must agree to provide a progress report to the –GUMOC-CUASF executive committee by the GUMOC annual meeting in June 2027.

Publications

Grant recipients are expected to present their findings at a subsequent GUMOC 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 –GUMOC-CUASF Grant should carry the following acknowledgement:
"This research was supported by the CUASF - GUMOC Research Scholarship Grant Program."

Grant Recipient Responsibilities

The following responsibilities must be assumed and carried out by the Grant recipient and Primary Investigator:

- Study contract review and execution.
- Research Ethics Board submission and approval (if applicable)
- Health Canada Clinical Trial Application (CTA) submission and approval (if applicable)
- Study-related activities such as data management, statistical analysis, medical writing, monitoring, etc.
- Communication of progress updates to the CUASF - GUMOC Executive

Notification of –GUMOC-CUASF Research Scholarship Fund
Notification of the grant recipients will be made by May 15th, 2027. Both successful and unsuccessful applications will receive feedback.

Complete applications must be sent to marfisa.defrancesco@cua.org
Please make sure you receive a confirmation email that the application has been received.