

CANADIAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

INFORMATION TO APPLICANTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The objective of the Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Fund (CUASF) is to provide financial support for Urologic Research to be conducted in Canada. The two categories of support are a) Fellowship support for a Faculty member and at an approved medical school in Canada within 2 years of the initial appointment; and, b) a Community-based Research award for a practising Urologist not directly associated with a Urology residency programme. All candidates must have an M.D. degree and have completed clinical training in Urology.

AWARD

The CUA scholar with the University programmes, henceforth referred to as “University-based Scholar,” will be remunerated at \$40,000 for one year. The University scholar may apply for renewal of the award for a second year. Renewal of the award is not automatic, and depends on scientific merit and the availability of research funds. Priority is generally given to eligible candidates applying for their first scholarship award.

The Community-based Research award recipient, henceforth referred to as the “Community-based Researcher,” will receive a \$15,000 one year, non-renewable award.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

The University-based Scholar must have a recent (within 2 years) Canadian University Faculty appointment, at the level of Assistant Professor or Lecturer. The Community-based Researcher must hold an active staff appointment for the practice of Urology in a Canadian centre.

For the University-based scholarship, the monies can be used as a salary supplement or as “start-up fund” for the initial faculty appointee. The award should not take the place of financial commitment to the young faculty member by the University or Hospital. The Community-based Research award monies are to be used directly for the project proposed. The University-based Scholar must commit to spending at least 25% of his/her time in research.

Rating and selection of candidates for both the University-based Scholarships and the Community-based Research award is based on scientific merit as determined by members of the scientific council of the CUASF. The number of scholarships available each year may vary depending on the sum of money available to the CUASF. The fund is managed by the Administrative Council of the CUASF.

OBLIGATIONS FOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

The University-based Scholarship recipients are expected to present the results of their research at the CUA annual meeting as well as other national and international meetings and to submit their work for publication in peer-reviewed journals. Support from the CUASF should be acknowledged in the presentations and publications. For the University-based scholars, the Chair of the Scientific Council will request a progress report on the Scholarship holder by his/her Department/Division Chair at the mid-point of the award (January of each year). If the Scientific Council deems that the Scholarship holder has not made sufficient progress, further payment instalments may be withheld. A site visit may also be recommended by the Chair of the Scientific Council during the year of the CUA University-based Scholarship award, where appropriate.

The recipients of the Community-based Research award will be expected to present their work at the CUA Annual Meeting at the completion of their award. They are also given the opportunity to publish their work in the Canadian Journal of Urology, provided satisfactory peer-review takes place.

APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS

The original application form plus 5 copies (including all documents) are required. The applicant may include up to 3 published reprints or pre-prints relevant to his/her research. The completed application must be received at the Office of the Chair of the CUASF no later than March 1st. Candidates must arrange for a letter of support from his/her Chair of the University Department/Division. The letter should indicate the level of support and commitment by the University and the institution for the Candidate. 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.

Late documentation received after the closing date will be returned to the applicant. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant. The applicants may submit their application on floppy disks provided by the CUASF office.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The following are suggestions for preparation of the research proposal for the CUA scholarship award. The headings suggested include 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) Summary page.

In addition the following must accompany the application: 1) 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; 2) Letter of support and commitment from the Chair of the Department/Division indicating the level of institutional and university support; 3) Two Letters of Recommendation, at least one from an external source.

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.

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

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