**Call for Nominations for the**

**2020 AUA Research Forum: “Early-Career Investigators Showcase”**

**Sunday, May 17, 2020**

**Walter E. Washington Convention Center – Washington, DC**

The AUA Research Forum: “Early-Career Investigators Showcase” for 2020 is scheduled for Sunday, May 17. The “Showcase” began in 2008, and is still the only AUA Annual Meeting session completely dedicated to the work of early-career investigators. This forum is meant to showcase basic, translational, and clinical research on innovative, relevant, and potentially impactful research projects that will be of high interest to the basic and clinical research communities. All nominated early-career investigators will present a poster, and up to ten nominees will be selected by a peer-review process to give an oral podium presentation. Talks will be judged by senior investigators, and awards will be presented for those judged to be the top three presenters.

We are again enlisting the assistance of members of the AUA Research Council and Committees, all AUA Sections, and several specialty societies to identify those individuals and projects that exemplify the best that the field of urologic research has to offer. We are asking each member or group to identify **one** of their top early-career investigators to present a brief yet scientifically meritorious presentation on his or her most interesting, innovative work. These stellar investigators are typically easy to identify, even early in their research careers, as they may have already won awards and recognition at past Section or society meetings. This could now be an opportunity for them to have a platform at the AUA Annual Meeting!

**Nomination Criteria**

* The nominee must possess a MD or PhD (or equivalents) and be within eight years of completing residency or doctorate. Residents, including chief residents, are eligible.
* The nominee must be an AUA member in good standing.
* Previous speakers in this Showcase are not eligible for re-nomination; however, previous nominees that were not selected as speakers are eligible for re-nomination.

**Application Process**

Each Research Council or Committee member, AUA Section member, or society member must submit the following documents for their nominee. All documents for each nomination must be compiled together and saved into **a single .pdf package labeled as “Lastname.FirstInitial\_2020Showcase.pdf”** (For example: Doe.J\_2020Showcase.pdf). **The package must be submitted by e-mail to Alicia Kemp at** **akemp@auanet.org** **and received no later than Friday, December 6, 2019.**

* Contact information for nominee (must include: AUA ID number, email address, daytime phone number, mailing address)
* A one-page abstract of the project
* An NIH-style biosketch of the nominee, in accordance with current NIH biosketch guidelines (five-page maximum) located at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>
* A personal statement from the nominee that affirms his or her desire and commitment to participate in the Research Forum/Early Career Investigators Showcase
* A letter from the nominating individual or an officer of the nominating Section or society that:
	+ Emphasizes the importance and potential impact of the research
	+ States the commitment of the Section or society to promote the Early Career Investigators Showcase with its membership through all means possible to maximize attendance.

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**Speaker Selection Process**

Selection of speakers is based on the review of all submitted information by a review committee appointed by the AUA Director of Research and the Research Council Chair. **All nominees** are expected to attend the Research Forum and present posters. Nominees selected as speakers for the Forum will be notified no later than February 3, 2020. Nominees not selected as speakers will be acknowledged from the podium.

**Podium Talks:** All nominations will be reviewed and up to ten submissions will be selected for oral presentation at the Forum. A total of eight minutes will be allotted for each presentation. Speakers are asked to provide **no more than five slides;** the **eight-minute time limit will be enforced**. The presentation must be submitted to the Office of Research for review and approval no later than Friday, April 10, 2020.

**Speaker Awards**

During the Forum program, a panel of senior investigators will judge the presentations for content, presentation skills, relevance, innovation, and potential impact. Awards will be presented for those judged to be the top three presenters.

**Forum Poster Session**

All nominees will display posters of their work at the Research Forum, whether or not they are chosen to present from the podium. The Office of Research will promote the work of these fine investigators in numerous ways (e.g., EUREKA!, AUA Investigators, and/or AUA News).

**Urology Care Foundation Research Honors Awards Program**

All nominees are invited to the Urology Care Foundation Research Honors Program and Reception. This program is an annual event held to acknowledge past and current Foundation Scholars and recipients of Urology Care Foundation Awards of Distinction. This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2020, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

**Questions**

Please direct **questions** regarding the program to Alicia Kemp, Research, Quality and Scientific Affairs Project Coordinator, at (410) 689-4016 or akemp@auanet.org.

**Nomination Submissions**

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