

UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

2024 International Student Humanitarian Grant Program – Trinidad and Tobago

A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2024 Urology Care Foundation (UCF) International Student Humanitarian Summer Grant Program will support one medical student who will travel to and complete humanitarian work specifically in the country of Trinidad and Tobago. The grant will be given to an AUA Medical Student member who will pursue humanitarian efforts which advance public health and/or quality improvement initiatives in the provision of urologic care for this underserved population.

The duration of each student humanitarian project is 6-8 weeks during the summer, typically between the awardee's first and second year of medical school. Specific dates of the 2024 program are somewhat flexible but will generally take place from mid-June to mid-August.

General Experience. Students will participate in a global health program in San Fernando, Trinidad, gaining experience with both urologic conditions and a publicly funded healthcare system. The San Fernando General Hospital is the major tertiary health facility in the region. Students will work with various urology teams in inpatient and outpatient settings and may observe surgeries and procedures. A typical day may include departmental teaching, such as a Morbidity and Mortality Audit or a conference with presentations from the interns, to then proceed with ward rounds. Rotations between the operative theatre, outpatient referral clinic, procedural clinic, or outreach clinic in a neighboring town may also take place. Students will interact with a variety of patients and learn about the prevalence and epidemiology of stone disease, prostate cancer and other aspects of urology in Trinidad. Students will learn first-hand from seeing the adaptability in diagnostic evaluations, surgical approaches, and innovative uses of equipment to provide care when the “gold standard” is unavailable. Students will learn new skills and considerations about managing diagnosing and treating patients to be as cost effective as possible when providing care.

Mentor. Dr. Satyendra Persaud is a Lecturer at the University of the West Indies and is the current program director of the urology registrars in Trinidad. He is an Honorary Consultant in urology at San Fernando General Hospital. He is also the current president of the Caribbean Urology Association. Dr. Persaud completed his residency at San Fernando General Hospital in Trinidad and a Stone/Endourology fellowship in the United Kingdom from 2016–2018. He has numerous publications and has won numerous awards for his research.

Expectations/Opportunities. Primary areas of study at San Fernando include kidney stones and prostate cancer. The grantee will pursue humanitarian efforts advancing public health, while also experiencing rich, immersive exposure to the practice of urology in a Caribbean setting.

Housing. Dr. Persaud will coordinate housing and incidentals. The grant recipient will communicate directly with Dr. Persaud to prepare for the program.

Other Travel Logistics/Requirements. Grant recipients are responsible for:

1. Obtaining passport, visa if required.
2. Making travel arrangements, including purchasing any travel insurance.
3. Meeting all medical requirements for international travel.
4. Arranging and funding any personal travel.
5. Abiding by any applicable country travel restrictions.

Note: Students should check the State Department website www.travel.state.gov for alerts and information about this destination. As of January 2023, a visa is not required for Trinidad and Tobago. Visa requirements may be viewed at www.CIBTvisas.com. Plan accordingly as it could take three to four weeks to process a travel visa.

A urology mentor in the United States will be available to assist the student if needed.

B. TIMELINE

Applications Open:	October 1, 2023
Applications Deadline:	November 30, 2023
Applications Review:	December 2023
Grant Notifications:	January-February 2024
<u>Date of Program:</u>	Summer 2024 (flexible from mid-June to mid-August)

C. ELIGIBILITY

UCF encourages diversity among applicants, and those who are first generation medical students or underrepresented minorities will be given preference. Student applicants must be attending an accredited medical school within the geographic Sections of the American Urological Association.

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D. APPLICATIONS

All grant applications are due on or before November 30, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants must submit the following materials:

1. A personal Statement of Interest (500-1,000 words or no more than two pages) explaining why you are motivated to serve and what outcomes you expect from the program.
2. At least one letter of support from your current Medical School Program Chair/Director or mentor.
3. Resume or Curriculum Vitae (NIH style bio-sketch format)

All materials must be sent by email in PDF format to the AUA Committee Affairs department at commaff@auanet.org.

E. REVIEW AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The UCF Humanitarian Grants Review Committee will review and score each application based on the strength of the three application documents.

F. GRANT PAYMENT

The International Student Humanitarian Grant pays the amount of \$4,000 which will be paid in March/April prior to the start of the summer program. The grant is to be used to cover travel, housing, and incidental expenses, with the remaining funds provided as a stipend for the student.

Note: See Terms & Conditions document for additional payment information and requirements.

G. REPORT

Grant recipients are required to submit a project summary with details about their experiences, how any specific goals were met or other impacts of the project were realized. The recipient agrees that this information and any accompanying photographs or testimonials may be used to showcase the volunteer and their related programs in UCF publications, website, etc. UCF will require specific releases/permissions from grant recipients for any use of photos of patients, other staff, etc.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions related to this Program Announcement or submission requirements should be directed to the AUA Committee Affairs Department, commaff@auanet.org or [410-689-3926](tel:410-689-3926). Assistance is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.