

The Dr. Gerald Brock Resident Career Development Award

Overview:

- One award is provided per academic year for urology residents.
- The award supports:
 - Primarily presenting at specialty international conferences (excluding AUA, CUA, or NSUAU).
 - Short-term international electives.
 - Educational courses (e.g., POCUS, robotics) that align with individual career plans/goals.
- **Award Amount:** Up to \$5,000 CAD per year.
 - Unused funds will be carried forward to the following year.
- **Additional Funding:** For residents presenting at an international conference, this award may be used in addition to the annual travel allowance provided by the Division of Urology.
- **Application Deadline:** April 1 each year (for the academic year July 1 to June 30).
- **Adjudication:** Applications are reviewed by members of the Residency Program Committee (RPC).

Eligibility Criteria:

- All urology residents, regardless of PGY level, are eligible.
- For specialty international conferences:
 - Research must have been conducted by the resident.
 - The research must be accepted for presentation as a podium or moderated poster.
 - Unmoderated poster sessions are not eligible for support.
 - Retroactive support will be considered for specialty conferences occurring within the academic year.
- For courses or international electives:
 - The resident must confirm acceptance by the receiving institution.
 - Prior approval from the resident's home institution is required.
 - Retrospective support will not be granted.
- **Priority:**
 - Residents who have not received a travel award in the past two years.
 - The award will not be granted for presenting the same research at multiple conferences.

Application Requirements:

- **Essay:** A 1000-word (maximum) essay describing how attending the course, specialty conference, or elective will benefit the resident's academic career.

For Specialty International Research Conferences:

- Accepted abstract, including the acceptance letter detailing the presentation format.
- Details of the conference/course (topic, name, date, location).
- One-page outline of the proposed manuscript (including introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion, and a brief list of references).
- Letter of support from the research supervisor.

For International Electives:

- Acceptance letter detailing the institution, date, duration, and supervisor of the elective.
- Confirmation that the supervisor at the receiving institution agrees to submit a formal evaluation of the elective rotation.
- Letter of support from the Program Director.

Post-Elective/Conference Requirements:

- Within 30 days (about 4 and a half weeks) of returning from the conference or elective, residents must submit:
 - A 250-word description of what they learned from the conference/elective/course.
 - A travel expense form with original receipts (flights/mileage, accommodation, and meals).
 - **Note:** Personal costs, such as entertainment expenses, will not be reimbursed. Currency conversion for expenses incurred in the US or foreign currency should be done using rates obtained from [UWO Finance Exchange](https://www.uwo.ca/finance/travel/docs/us.txt):
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Special Circumstances:

- The Program Director and/or Divisional Chair, in consultation with the Residency Training Committee, may approve the use of the award under unprecedented circumstances to support residents presenting at ALL research conferences (with the same requirements listed above).

Cash Advance:

- If a cash advance is needed to cover certain expenses before the meeting, residents should contact the Program Director to discuss.

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