



THE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGISTS

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Dear Radiology Department Chair or Program Director:

We are delighted to invite your department to participate in the 4th annual Siemens-AUR Radiology Resident Academic Development (SARRAD) Program. This program provides focused mentorship, leadership, and academic development activities to a group of high-potential second-year (PGY-3) radiology residents in order to better prepare for their transition into successful careers as leaders in academic radiology. The program combines existing AUR sessions with specific program content in order to provide a curriculum that will enable the participating resident to hone his or her skills in leadership, teaching, and other tasks that will be of ongoing value in career development whether he or she end up in academics, or as a leader in private practice or industry.

The AUR believes that supporting the development of the future leaders of radiology, at this critical stage in their careers is a crucial component in ensuring the successful future of radiology.

The SARRAD program is designed for a maximum of 35, second-year residents and will consist of the elements listed below.

- **Program Specific Content:** Nine and a half hours spread across the four days of the AUR meeting.
- **Required Portions of the Existing AUR Meeting:** To include sessions of the A³CR², ACER, APDR, RAHSR, RRA, AMSER and other appropriate components of the regular meeting.
- **Small Group Mentorship:** Groups of 4 or 5 residents will meet with a Junior or Senior Faculty, Program Director, or Chair, and will be asked to discuss challenges and opportunities that may have been encountered in Academic Radiology related to clinical work, teaching, administration or research. Each group of residents will present their discussions at the Friday morning roundtable session.

- **Reception:** Participants will be encouraged to attend the Tuesday, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Beer and Pretzels Reception where they will mingle and network with AUR members such as program directors and chairs.
- **Roundtable Closing Session:** A final session will be held on Friday morning of the AUR meeting to allow discussions summarizing and synthesizing the content of the program and to develop action items for continued growth and development of the participant's academic and leadership skills.

This year, the program will be held at the AUR 58th Annual Meeting, March 23-26, 2010 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel in San Diego, California. **Participants of this course are required to register for the AUR Annual Meeting.**

We invite you to nominate a single second-year resident for this program.

A \$1,500 stipend will be paid to each department sending an individual to help defray the attendee's expenses **after the meeting**. **Please note that participation must be verified via sign-in sheets on each day of the program in order to receive the stipend.** By nominating an individual for this program, you are also agreeing to support the remainder of their related expenses above that which is covered by the \$1500 stipend.

A more complete description of the program is attached along with the nomination form to be completed by both you and the nominee. **The deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday, December 11, 2009.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the AUR office at 630-368-3730 or aur@rsna.org

Sincerely,

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