



# AUR Research and Education Foundation

## Venture Fund for Affinity Groups

### Guidelines and Application Instructions

#### **Purpose**

To support and invest in the missions of the respective AUR Affinity Groups, and to promote collaborative projects among Affinity Groups. Innovative projects are to be proposed by individuals through the AUR Affinity Groups, with the aim of addressing stated needs of one or more of those groups.

#### **Budget**

The budget will be determined by the AUR Board of Directors on an annual basis. The funding level will usually be announced to the Affinity Groups during the AUR Annual Meeting.

*For the 2023-24 budget year, the planned annual budget for the program is \$10,000. Requests for an amount exceeding \$5,000 will require a joint submission between two or more affinity groups.*

#### **Submission of Proposals**

Each Affinity Group can submit up to 1 independent proposal per year as the sole recipient, with a maximum request of \$5,000. However, there is no limit to the number of joint proposals that can be submitted in collaboration with other Affinity Groups. For a joint proposal, the maximum request is \$10,000. Each proposed project will be funded for 10 months, but submissions for proposed funding continuation of an existing project are allowed.

#### **Elements of Proposals**

The proposals should be limited to 2 pages in length, and include all of the following elements:

- Title
- Objective
- Participating Affinity Group(s) and contact information of principle contact
- Body of Proposal
- Expected Impact for the Affinity Group(s) and for AUR
- Budget (AUR staff time needs to be budgeted if applicable. Cost estimates for staff time must be obtained prior to submission.)
- Process for assessment of impact
- Affinity Group President(s) signature(s) and letter(s) of support (Note: Letter of support is in addition to 2 page proposal)

#### **Timing of Proposal Submission**

Deadline will be July 14, 2023 at 12:00 noon Central Daylight Time (CDT). Submit proposals to [AUR@rsna.org](mailto:AUR@rsna.org).

#### **Evaluation Committee**

The committee with primary responsibility for evaluation of the proposals will be the AUR REF Long Range Planning Committee. The committee members will base their critical evaluations on several criteria, including the quality of the proposal, the likelihood of success of the proposed project, and the extent of impact upon the AUR and the Affinity Group(s). The final recommendations from this committee shall be submitted to the AUR REF Board of Directors by July 31.

**Final Approval:** The Board of the AUR-REF will give final approval in August to allow for sufficient time for the selected proposals to be implemented by September 1.

**Reporting of results:** Each recipient shall submit a final report that details the results of the project. This report is to be submitted to the AUR program manager by June 30 of the year following the initial funding. Presentations at the subsequent AUR meeting are encouraged.

**For more information, or questions about the Venture Fund, contact:**

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