MISSION: To advance the interests of individual academic radiologists and of the academic radiology community through consistent financial support of academic programming, scholarship, and innovation

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the AUR Research and Education Foundation, we would like to thank you so very much for helping to fund the Foundation’s mission.

The ability to support the AUR members through grants, fellowships, and stipends promotes collective advancement of the academic radiologic community on multiple levels including education and scholarship.

In the latest edition of the newsletter we are delighted to inform our AUR members about the exciting funding of new and existing programs. Two new programs are the Venture Fund for Affinity Groups and the Strategic Alignment Grant. We continue to fund our hugely popular Education Research Development Grant and Education Scholar Grant.

We also funded the Ethics and Professionalism in Radiology Project Grant. However, this is the final year of this grant which was generously funded by the Branta Foundation 2011-2015.

Please visit the REF website, http://www.aur.org/Foundation/, for information about how to apply for grants and to see a list of past grant awardees.

**Venture Fund for Affinity Groups**
This is one of our new funding mechanisms. The purpose of this grant is to support and invest in the missions of the respective AUR Affinity Groups, and to promote collaborative projects among Affinity Groups. Innovative projects are proposed by individuals through the AUR Affinity Groups, with the aim of addressing stated needs of one or more of those groups. The first two recipients of this venture fund are listed below.

**2015 Grant Recipients:**
- RAHSR (Radiology Alliance for Health Services Research)/RRA (Radiology Research Alliance)  
  *On-line Statistical Training for Radiology Researchers*
- AMSER (Alliance of Medical Student Educators in Radiology)/ACER (Alliance of Clinician-Educators in Radiology)  
  *Radiology for the Medical Student Symposium/Regional Outreach*

**Strategic Alignment Grant**
The second new funding mechanism is the Strategic Alignment Grant (SAG). The purpose of this grant is to advance the long-range strategic organizational goals of the AUR by awarding one year length grant(s) to applicants who address identified strategic priorities.

As part of the application process, the AUR Research and Education Foundation will identify a minimum of two targeted areas chosen from the AUR Strategic Plan. Preferential consideration will be provided to proposals that address issues related to educational research and mentoring as the key strategic goals.

For those interested in applying for this grant further information is available at http://www.aur.org/uploadedFiles/RE/SAG_Guidelines_and_Instructions.pdf
The application deadline is January 8, 2016 at 12:00pm (Central). Watch this space!
Education Research Development Grant:

Sponsored by the Association of University Radiologists (AUR), Association of Program Directors in Radiology (APDR), and Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments (SCARD) and the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA). The purpose of this grant is to encourage innovation and improvement in health sciences education by providing research opportunities to individuals throughout the world who are in pursuit of advancing the science of radiology education. In addition, this program will help build a critical mass of radiology education researchers and promote the careers of persons advancing the science of radiology education.

2015 Grant Recipients:

- Justin Cramer, MD - University of Utah

- Osamu Kaneko, MD; Michael Muelly, MD; and Jason Oppenheimer, MD - Stanford University Hospital and Clinics
  Imaging Top 10: An Engaging and Interactive Radiology Simulation App for the Medical Student

- Melissa McCutcheon Picard, MD and Jeanne G. Gill, MD - Medical University of South Carolina
  Long-term Evaluation of a Comprehensive Curriculum Involving Didactic and Simulation Based Methods of Teaching Residents the Identification and Management of Adverse Contrast Reactions

Education Scholar Grant

The RSNA and the Association of University of Radiologists have collaborated on a joint award that began in 2013. This co-sponsored Education Scholar Grant leverages funds to support scholarly projects in radiology education.

2013 Grant Recipient:

Chun-Der L. Li, MD - Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
  High-Fidelity Simulated Environment for Assessment of Radiology Residents Prior to Independent Call

Ethics and Professionalism in Radiology Project Grant

(Funded by a generous donation from the Branta Foundation)

The AUR R&E Ethics and Professionalism in Radiology Grant supports projects to improve patient care, to improve patient safety, and to promote social responsibility in medical care and practice, by providing funding opportunities for the study and teaching of ethics and professionalism in radiology. Applications that address any aspect of ethics and professionalism in radiology are considered.

2015 Grant Recipients:

- Pedro J. Diaz-Marchan, MD - Baylor College of Medicine
  Professionalism and Ethics Competencies for Radiology Residents

- Christoph I. Lee, MD, MSHS - University of Washington School of Medicine
  Direct Patient Interaction with Radiology Reports as Part of Their Online Access to Electronic Medical Records

- Andrew B. Rosenkrantz, MD, MPA - NYU Langone Medical Center
  Vignettes in Publication and Journalism Ethics in Radiology

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