



The John Quale Travel Fellowship Program

A special opportunity for early career investigators interested in bladder cancer research to attend the 2023 BCAN Bladder Cancer Think Tank Meeting.

Description: The Travel Fellowship will be awarded to early career physicians and scientists to defray the travel-related costs of attending the **Bladder Cancer Think Tank**, held **August 2-4, 2023**. Hosted by the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN), the primary mission of this meeting is to enhance collaboration among physicians and researchers who are dedicated to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of bladder cancer. The 2023 Think Tank will include a very high-level scientific program. Other activities will include breakout sessions, small group discussions, didactic presentations, social, interactive, and networking activities. This is a unique opportunity to meet and learn from leaders and experts in the field, present your work, exchange ideas, establish collaborations and seek mentorship.

The Travel Fellowship Program seeks to engage more early-career individuals with interests related to bladder cancer including basic/translational scientists, urologists, medical and radiation oncologists, radiologists, pathologists, etc. The fellowship will cover \$2,000 in travel-related costs. Complimentary registration is provided to John Quale Travel Fellows.

Location: Capital Hilton, Washington, DC

Meeting Information:

This meeting will gather a multidisciplinary group of clinicians, scientists, investigators, lay advocates and industry partners. Scientific sessions will include presentations from researchers and physicians in the medical field and will be followed by interactive discussion sessions. This will be a working meeting designed to advance BCAN's mission in a productive and collaborative environment. Participants will have the opportunity to join small group discussions during the meeting, which may include discussions aimed at identifying possible projects for collaboration and opportunities for improving patient outcomes and quality of life.

Eligibility: MDs and PhDs within the first 1-3 years of their first full-time faculty appointment at the time of application submission, OR MD applicants in a research/scholar residency or fellowship program, OR PhD applicants in a postdoctoral fellowship are eligible and highly encouraged to apply. Prior John Quale Travel Fellowship award winners are not eligible to apply.

Instructions: Your application must include the following information submitted via ProposalCentral: <https://proposalcentral.com/ProposalGI.asp?SectionID=2236&ProposalID=-1>

- Your name, current institution and position, institution and position you will be in August 2023 (if different from current), and your contact information
- Curriculum Vitae
- A statement (1 page limit) explaining: (1) your interest in the Bladder Cancer Think Tank and bladder cancer research and (2) what you hope to gain from attending the meeting.
- A 1-2 page description of your current research activities, including any bladder-related research you are involved in. Please include an abstract of your most interesting and innovative work, or alternatively an abstract describing a novel research proposal you have developed.
- If you are selected for a travel fellowship, you will be required to make a 5 to 7-minute presentation at the meeting. In addition, you will have the opportunity present your research to Think Tank attendees, in a poster presentation on Thursday evening.
- The names and contact information of three individuals that can attest to your potential success as an independent investigator.

Evaluation: Applications will be evaluated by a Scientific Review Group based on the following criteria:

- Overall quality, merit, innovation, impact, and appropriateness of the abstract
- Applicant's potential to contribute to this year's meeting and future Think Tank meetings
- Applicant's interest and commitment in the Think Tank and in future bladder cancer research

Deadline: Applications must be received by **Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 5:00 PM Eastern Time**. Once your application has been submitted you will receive a confirmation email from ProposalCentral.

The 2023 John Quale Travel Fellowship recipients will be announced **in May**.

Inquiries: Please note that live customer support from ProposalCentral is only available from 8:30am – 5pm Eastern time. Inquiries or technical issues regarding ProposalCentral and the online application process should be directed to customer support at:

Phone: 703-964-5840, Toll-free phone: 1-800-875-2562, Email: pcsupport@altum.com

Inquiries about the program guidelines, eligibility requirements, and application materials can be directed to Valerie Aldana or Rebecca Johnson at BCAN at 301-215-9099 or by email at valdana@bcan.org, rjohnson@bcan.org or grants@bcan.org.

Terms of Award

Awardees will receive payment from BCAN prior to the Think Tank meeting in the amount of \$2,000 to be used to cover any travel expenses related to the fellow's attendance. Any costs in excess of \$2,000 are the responsibility of the awardee. BCAN does not require receipts for travel expenses for this award.

Prior to the Think Tank meeting, BCAN will provide the awardee with the information needed to register for the meeting at no cost. Hotel and travel arrangements must be made by the awardee.

All John Quale Travel Fellow Awardees are expected and required to attend the 2023 Think Tank Meeting in its entirety. Details about awardees participation and poster presentation will be provided by BCAN prior to the meeting.

To encourage continued participation in the Think Tank meeting in future years, BCAN will offer free registration to John Quale Travel Fellow recipients for the subsequent two meetings after their award.