

The SAU Academic Urology Medical Education Fellowship

(2026–2027)

Fellowship Name

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Fellowship Duration

July 1, 2026 – July 1, 2027

This is a one-year, full-time fellowship designed to provide immersive exposure to the professional, scholarly, and organizational structures that underpin academic urology in the United States.

Fellowship Leadership

Fellowship Director:

Dr. Lee Richstone

Chairman, Department of Urology, Northwell – Lenox Hill Hospital

President, Society of Academic Urologists

Fellowship Co-Director:

Dr. Simone Thavaseelan

President-Elect, Society of Academic Urologists

Eligibility to Apply

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Unmatched Applicants: Individuals who applied to the SAU Urology Match 2025-2026, met all eligibility requirements for that match cycle, and did not match.
- All applicants must demonstrate a strong interest in academic urology, medical education, health system leadership, or urologic research.

Fellowship Goals and Description

The SAU Academic Urology Immersion Fellowship is designed to cultivate the next generation of leaders in academic urology by offering an in-depth experience within the operational and strategic functions of the Society of Academic Urologists.

1. Exposure to SAU Leadership and Governance

The fellow will gain firsthand experience with the internal workings of the SAU, including:

- Participation in select meetings of the Executive Committee

- Engagement with SAU subcommittees, including those focused on education, recruitment, diversity, data/metrics, and resident affairs, skills training and assessment, and survey distribution
- Observational and project-based involvement in discussions shaping the future of academic urology

2. Scholarly and Academic Development

The fellowship provides structured opportunities to:

- Collaborate with SAU members on academic, educational, or clinical research projects
- Contribute to manuscripts and other scholarly products with the goal of producing peer-reviewed publications
- Support committee-driven initiatives aligned with national educational standards and best practices

3. Mentorship, Networking, and Career Guidance

The fellow will form longitudinal mentorship relationships with:

- Members of the SAU Executive Committee
- Academic program directors and institutional leaders involved in the SAU
- Senior educators and researchers in the field
- Management leadership through Veritas, the SAU management company

These interactions are expected to support the fellow's professional development, provide personalized guidance on career pathways, and offer broad exposure to the roles and responsibilities inherent to an academic urologist.

4. Understanding the Academic Landscape

Through direct exposure, the fellow will develop a deep appreciation for the collaborative efforts that support the educational, clinical, and research missions that define academic urology.

The fellowship reinforces a comprehensive understanding of the ecosystem supporting academic urology in the United States, including:

- The Society of Academic Urologists (SAU) and its leadership role in urologic education
- An understanding of the SAU mission and how it complements that of:
 - The American Urological Association (AUA) and its role in national policy, research, and medical education

- The American Board of Urology (ABU) and its role in certification and regulatory responsibilities
- The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and its oversight of residency training standards

Conclusion

The SAU Academic Urology Immersion Fellowship is intended to provide unmatched exposure, mentorship, and scholarly engagement for future leaders in academic urology. It is particularly suited for individuals who wish to strengthen their academic foundation, gain insight into the governance of national urologic organizations, and prepare for a successful future application to urology residency and beyond.

CONTACT/APPLICATION MATERIALS

For questions and for application submission: Marie Grover <mgrover@veritasamc.com>

Applicants to submit:

- One page letter of interest/statement
- Curriculum Vitae
- 3 letters of recommendation

LOCATION:

The fellowship is a full-time position, and the fellow is thereby expected to reside in New York for on-site daily work at Lenox Hill Hospital. Travel expenses to SAU board meetings and Winter Meeting of the SAU will be provided. The fellow is responsible for their own room and board.

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SALARY:

\$60,000 USD/annual

