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Wade Sexton, MD
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Dear Dr. Sexton,

The Urology Care Foundation, the official foundation of the American Urological Association, sincerely appreciates the support of the Florida Urological Society to offer the inaugural 2017 Florida Urological Society Summer Medical Student Fellowship. Following a rigorous peer-review process conducted this month of a record-high 39 applications, I am delighted to announce that we have identified a highly-meritorious candidate for this award.

Mr. Kush Panara's outstanding research project, titled "Utilizing whole-exome sequencing to identify novel mutations in two families with nonobstructive azoospermia," will be conducted at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine under the mentorship of Ranjith Ramasamy, MD. This project will utilize state-of-the-art genetic sequencing to better understand azoospermia and elucidate any novel genes implicated in infertility.



The Summer Medical Student Fellowship Program was initiated in 2010 and, since that time, we have received only one application from a student at an institution within the state of Florida. We are pleased to report that, as a direct result of the Florida Urological Society's commitment and engagement with the AUA and the medical student community, we received four applications from students in Florida for the 2017 competition! We are excited to grow this partnership and continue to recruit and develop the best and brightest young investigators for urologic research.

Again, you have our thanks for your leadership and the support of the Florida Urological Society for enabling the Summer Medical Student Fellowship Program to offer this award.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Best, PhD
Director of Research
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Cynthia Duncan
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