



CAIRIBU ARCTICS COMMUNITY FORUM CAIRIBU RESOURCES & FUNDING MECHANISMS



FEATURED SPEAKERS

KRISTINA PENNISTON,
PHD, RD

JOHANNY KUGELMAN-
TONOS, PHD

ROZALYN ANDERSON,
PHD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Sept. 9, 2026

GOAL: Review CAIRIBU-supported opportunities and AUA and Nathan Shock Center funding resources and how to strategically engage with them at different career stages.

A recording of this forum, as well as those from many prior CAIRIBU ARCTICS Community forums, is available on the CAIRIBU YouTube channel [HERE](#). Find the playlist called “ARCTICS Community Forums” to view the more than 2 dozen recorded ARCTICS forums posted there.

Summary

An Overview of CAIRIBU Resources for Trainees and ESIs

Context on the Urologic Workforce and CAIRIBU

- Nonmalignant urologic conditions impact hundreds of millions of people.
- Innovative research should be aimed at understanding disease heterogeneity, improving diagnostics, understanding treatment response differences, developing personalized therapies, and strengthening clinician and scientist collaboration.



Kristina Penniston, PhD, RD – The Role of CAIRIBU

- **Dr. Penniston**, PI of the CAIRIBU Interactions Core, explained that the CAIRIBU Community exists to prepare the next generation of urology researchers. To that end, the CAIRIBU Interactions Core supports trainees through research-interest groups, virtual forums, newsletters, an e-journal, networking, mentoring and grant-writing resources, funding and job postings, opportunities to present and discuss research, travel support, and collaboration awards.
- CAIRIBU's programming framework covers investigator development; communications and outreach; collaboration and networking; and leadership.

Johanny Kugelman-Tonos, PhD – Resources from the American Urological Association

- **Dr. Kugelman-Tonos**, Director of Research at the American Urological Association (AUA), described the funding portfolio of the AUA and its official nonprofit foundation, the Urology Care Foundation (UCF).
- AUA and UCF fund research all levels of the translational spectrum and across various urological areas.
- Career-stage specific research awards are available for medical students, residents, postdocs and clinical fellows, junior faculty and early-career physicians, and established investigators.
- \$1K travel support stipends are available to current research grantees to attend the AUA Annual Meeting
- Visit the [AUA website](#) for full information.

Rozalyn Anderson, PhD – Nathan Shock Center (NSC) Aging Research Resources

- **Dr. Anderson**, Director of the [Wisconsin Nathan Shock Center \(WiNSC\)](#), described the eight NSCs within the network, all of which are focused on the basic biology of aging.
- The WiNSC emphasizes metabolism, mitochondrial and redox biology, imaging, translation, and cross-campus collaboration.
- Dr. Anderson described awards that provide access to WiNSC Core services, including the Weindruch Scholar Program for postdoctoral researchers and the Pilot and Idea Awards.
- The WiNSC also offers aging conference travel awards and short-term (1-4 week) opportunities supporting technical skill-building and methods transfer between labs for investigators traveling to or from the WiNSC.
- Visit the [WiNSC website](#) for full details on WiNSC opportunities.