

Guidance Regarding Education Grant Submissions - Hands-on Programs Involving Cadavers and/or Models/Simulators (“Hands-On Trainings”)

Hands-On Training programs are important educational experiences for physicians training to care for patients whose conditions can be treated by Prosthetic Urology, Prostate Health, PCNL and Pelvic Floor devices. Boston Scientific’s Medical Education Team implements various Boston Scientific-organized Hands-On Training programs, and Boston Scientific Sales Representatives can also conduct in-service programs with cadavers and models.

In addition to these programs, the Urology Division’s Grant Committee accepts applications for Hands-On Training programs developed and executed by third-parties seeking to provide hands-on training experience to physicians-in-training. The following are some of the factors the Grant Committee considers when evaluating such applications:

- The program must be developed and executed independently by the Applicant.
- The Applicant must engage and compensate (if necessary) Faculty to conduct both the didactic and hands-on portion of the program.
- Boston Scientific can provide free-of-charge product to support a program. Boston Scientific personnel can attend to ensure proper set up, to troubleshoot, and to provide limited product support to ensure the program is effective and impactful. However, Boston Scientific employees cannot be part of the agenda or otherwise assist in conducting the program.
- The Grant Committee funds programs that are not just part of the Applicant’s physician training program, but instead are open to physicians from various institutions/facilities who have an educational need for the training.
- The Committee’s expectation is that Applicants will be assuming some of the cost and/or seeking support from third-party organizations or other companies.
- While we are providing these guidelines, please understand that the Grant Committee receives many more requests to fund educational programs than it can approve. Each application is reviewed and approval/denial decisions take into account many factors, including the number of requests we receive, the merits of the many requests, and resource/budget limitations.