The Mulholland Fund in Action

The S. Grant Mulholland, MD Urology Research and Education Fund supports research and teaching fellowships, which allows the Department of Urology to recruit the best and brightest young talent to Jefferson.

Juraj Letko, MD is the first beneficiary of the Mulholland Fund. Although a gifted physician, Dr. Letko reached the limits of the educational opportunities available in his native Slovakia. The Mulholland Fund enabled him to spend three months at Jefferson, observing Dr. Mulholland and his colleagues in the operating room and participating in clinical activities and cancer research. Dr. Letko’s supervisors were so impressed with his work that they invited him to return to the lab for another year. “Visiting Thomas Jefferson University was a wonderful enrichment of my young medical career,” he says. “It would not have been possible without the Mulholland Fund.”

Fedra Gottardo, MD came to Jefferson from Italy to pursue her interest in bladder and prostate cancer. She credits her clinical and research achievements in this area to her time at Jefferson and to the Mulholland Fund. Dr. Gottardo has returned to Italy to finish her fourth year of residency in the University of Padua’s Department of Urology. “My experience as a urologist in-training and in the research field working with Dr. Mulholland was so important for my personal development,” she says. “My time at Jefferson was the richest and happiest period of my life.”
Established in 1904, Thomas Jefferson University’s Department of Urology is one of the oldest and largest academic departments of urology in the United States. The faculty includes internationally recognized experts in all major fields of urology including endourology, laparoscopy, oncology, andrology, pediatrics, infection, and neurourology. The Department is regularly cited among the top in the country in *U.S. News and World Report* and other national publications, and its faculty are frequently included in “Top Doctors” listings both locally and nationally.

For nearly three decades, S. Grant Mulholland, MD has stood among our top physicians and played an integral role in the Department’s success. Chairman of the Department of Urology from 1978 to 2002, Dr. Mulholland is a caring physician who has treated thousands of patients during his long and distinguished career. His clinical areas of interest include urologic oncology and urinary tract infection. His research, which focuses on urinary bladder antibacterial defense mechanisms and the role of glycoproteins in antibacterial defense and interstitial cystitis, has had a significant effect on the treatment of urological disorders of all kinds.

**S. Grant Mulholland, MD**

**Urology Research and Education Fund**
To recognize and honor Dr. Mulholland’s work, and to encourage generations of gifted clinician-researchers to pursue their work at Jefferson, the University has established the S. Grant Mulholland, MD Urology Research and Education Fund.

**Supporting the International Exchange of Ideas**
Teaching and learning is at the core of everything we do at Jefferson. The Mulholland Fund supports fellowships, which enable the Department of Urology to recruit the best and brightest young talent from around the world to study and work at Jefferson. It also offsets costs associated with sending Jefferson faculty abroad to share current research and gather new information.

**Supporting Innovative Technologies**
Jefferson has always been a leader in minimally invasive surgery and the Urology Department’s attending staff, fellows, and residents are continuously working to further improve techniques and instrumentation. The Mulholland Fund enables Jefferson to incorporate cutting-edge technologies such as robotic surgery – using the state-of-the-art daVinci Robot – into urology practice. The Fund also enables Jefferson physicians to share their experience using such technology with other medical schools and centers around the world.

**Supporting Young Investigators**
Young investigators represent the future of urology. The Mulholland Fund provides seed money to researchers beginning their careers, enabling them to initiate new investigations, bring fresh perspective to urology research, compete for larger grants, and, ultimately, make new breakthroughs in the treatment of urological disorders.

**Supporting Special Projects**
Unexpected breakthroughs and exciting new findings often lead investigators to expand or initiate new avenues of research. The Mulholland Fund provides foundational research support to the Department, so that Jefferson researchers may seize unexpected opportunities or pursue exciting leads as they arise.

For more information on how you can support the S. Grant Mulholland, MD Urology Research and Education Fund, or to make a gift today, please return the enclosed card or contact a representative from Jefferson’s development office at:

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