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# AUTM and LifeArc Forge International Partnership to Provide Advance Training for Scholars in Technology Transfer

**Gainesville, FL (July 7, 2017)** — The Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) Foundation has partnered with LifeArc, a medical research and technology transfer charity based in the United Kingdom, to offer a competitive program that will provide essential training for scientists seeking a career in life-sciences technology transfer. This joint initiative provides an opportunity for both organizations to show their commitment to improving opportunities for access to the technology transfer profession.

“LifeArc’s generous funding and participation make it possible for U.K. scholars to gain a rich training experience provided through the AUTM Fellows program,” said Chris Yochim, chairman of the AUTM Foundation. “Our collaboration supports the AUTM mission to advance academic technology transfer globally.”

The AUTM-LifeArc technology transfer program pairs UK life-science graduates and post-doctoral students with an experienced technology transfer mentor who will help prepare them for a career in technology transfer. Each Fellow will also receive a one-year AUTM membership which includes access to over 80 educational sessions are provided access to AUTM’s Technology Transfer Practice Manual (TTPM) and follow a core syllabus of educational webinars covering such topics as Basics of Technology Transfer, Invention Disclosures – From Cradle to Licensing, Basic Patenting, Marketing, and Negotiation.

In addition, each Fellow will be funded to attend the most significant technology transfer conferences and seminars in the US and the UK. This includes attendance at two AUTM meetings in the US which will provide the Fellows networking opportunities with several thousand of the most experienced technology transfer professionals from around the globe.

“As a medical research charity, LifeArc works to identify, protect and manage promising scientific research so it can be developed into treatments and diagnostics for patients. By supporting the Technology Transfer professionals of the future we can increase our charitable impact as more science projects are effectively progressed,” said Andrew Farquharson, Executive Director, Technology Transfer at LifeArc.

### **About LifeArc**

LifeArc is a medical research and technology transfer charity with 25 years of experience helping scientists translate their innovations into treatments and diagnostics for patients. LifeArc’s technology transfer team helps to drive the development of promising science, which includes protecting and managing intellectual property, evaluating the translational potential of research portfolios of our charity partners and advising on funding development paths and routes to market.

### **About the AUTM Foundation**

The Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) Foundation was created to strengthen and enhance the Association's efforts to build a better world by advancing academic technology transfer globally. By prompting the transfer of technology from the lab to the marketplace and supporting training for practitioners at all levels, the foundation works to ensure the advancement of the profession.

### **About AUTM**

The Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) is a non-profit organization that supports the commercialization of academic research innovation through patents, licensing and business development. AUTM's 3,200 members represent more than 350 universities, research institutions, teaching hospitals, businesses and government organizations around the world.

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