

**Focused Ultrasound Foundation
Centers of Excellence Program
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A. Overview

The Focused Ultrasound Foundation (FUSF) may designate sites as Focused Ultrasound Centers of Excellence on a case-by-case basis. These sites are recognized for their excellence in translational and clinical research, training, and patient care.

B. Site Selection

1. Site Selection Criteria:

- a. Internationally recognized, academic medical center or equivalent institution. FUSF may waive this criterion in exceptional cases.
- b. Active FUS research program including both clinical and preclinical research.
- c. Capabilities for educational and/or training opportunities for Center members and non-members.
- d. A multidisciplinary team of clinicians and investigators with core competencies in FUS-related specialties, including but not limited to: radiology, medical imaging, interventional radiology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, neurosurgery, gynecology, urology, and biomedical engineering.

2. Site Selection Process

- a. FUSF may identify new Centers of Excellence at any time, or site may approach FUSF to express interest in receiving designation.
- b. If FUSF interested in considering this designation, the site will submit a succinct proposal to FUSF that addresses the above criteria and states the initial areas of interest for FUS clinical and translational research activities.

C. Post Site Selection Roles and Responsibilities

FUSF will:
• Denote site as a Center of Excellence on FUSF website, in all FUSF presentations and in annual State of the Field report. • Fast track project review process as compared to normal review. • Designation is for 3 years with opportunity to be renewed.
Site will:
• Send FUSF succinct report once per year highlighting key metrics of success: new/ongoing projects, number of patients treated, publications, funding received, etc. • Reply to the FUSF annual State of the Field survey.