Focused Ultrasound Foundation
Centers of Excellence Program Guidelines

A. Overview

The Focused Ultrasound Foundation (FUSF) may designate sites as Focused Ultrasound Centers of Excellence (COE) 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. An internationally recognized academic medical center or equivalent institution. FUSF may waive this criterion in exceptional cases.
   b. An active FUS research program including both clinical (human and/or veterinary) 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 a site may approach FUSF to express interest in receiving designation.
   b. If FUSF is interested in considering this designation, the site will submit a succinct proposal to FUSF that addresses the above criteria and that states the initial areas of interest for FUS clinical and translational research activities.

C. Roles and Responsibilities

FUSF will:
• Recognize the site as a Center of Excellence on the FUSF website, in FUSF presentations, and in the annual State of the Field report. • Offer an expedited project review process when appropriate. • Grant the designation for a three-year term, with the opportunity for renewal.
The site will:
• Submit a succinct annual report to FUSF highlighting key measures of success: new and ongoing projects, patients treated, publications, funding received, and other relevant accomplishments. • Complete FUSF's annual State of the Field survey.