

April 2009

Dear Cancer Center Member:

We will have 2-3 pre- and 1-2 postdoctoral fellowships in the Cancer Biology Training Program (CaBioTP) available beginning September 1, 2009 or later. Trainees are funded through three mechanisms: NCI training grant, Loeb Predoctoral fellowship and the Cancer Center's Director's Fellowship. U.S. citizens (or permanent resident aliens) are eligible for positions on PHS training grants (one postdoc slot, one predoc slot), but the Loeb fund and the Cancer Center gift funds can be used to support non-citizen applicants. Both M.D. and Ph.D. postdocs are eligible for funding.

Please note that for predoctoral candidates **only students who begin their second or third year of training this fall are eligible.** While there are no strict rules for postdoc funding, preference will be given to those who are early in their postdoctoral training.

The enclosed page gives the details of the funding mechanisms for this round of applications. The CaBioTP Steering Committee will make the determination as to which mechanism is appropriate for each candidate. Funding decisions will be based on the qualifications of the trainee and the cancer relevance and scientific quality of the project. With regard to the former, a strong course background in cancer biology-related topics, including Cancer Biology 553, will carry significant weight. **We strongly encourage nominations of underrepresented minority trainees and we will accept applications from such students in any year of training.**

Please see the list on separate page of program activities. **It is very important for you to realize that, as a mentor in the Program, you are REQUIRED to participate actively. If you are not willing to devote a few hours during the year to the Program, please do not apply.**

If you are interested in nominating a candidate for one of these positions, please submit the following information (in addition to your nomination letter) by May 15, 2009:

1. The attached cover sheet, filled out completely.
2. Curriculum vitae of the prospective candidate.
3. Letter of nomination from mentor which should include a brief description of the research project. Please consider the cancer relevance of the project when discussing it. The mentor should also detail prior experience s/he has in training students (how many students over the years, etc). The letter should be no more than 2-3 pages.
4. Two additional letters of recommendation. For postdocs, at least one letter should be from outside the university, preferably from the person's thesis advisor. For predocs, letters used for admission to graduate school are acceptable.
5. A brief description of the candidate's career goals.

6. Graduate transcripts (an unofficial copy is fine) and GRE scores for pre-docs.
7. The mentor's NIH biosketch and other support pages. Please note that the NCI requires that trainees be placed into labs that have sufficient funding to support the project.

Please submit the entire application including letters and transcripts as a SINGLE PDF file to:

lwicker@umich.edu

If letters cannot be included as part of the PDF, they can be emailed (preferable) directly to:

lwicker@umich.edu

OR

La Cheryl Wicker
University of Michigan
Comprehensive Cancer Center
1500 E. Medical Center Drive
6215 CCGC Box 0942
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0942

We look forward to receiving your nominations. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Imperiale, Ph.D.
Director, Cancer Biology Training Program

Program Activities

Applicants who receive funding are required to:

Attend Cancer Biology Journal Club (monthly)

Take or audit 553 (or have done so prior to appointment)

Associate with one of the UMCCC Clinical Programs (see below)

Attend ethics training sessions as required by the NIH

Attend Cancer Biology Trainees' informal research meeting (monthly)

Present a poster or presentation at the annual Cancer Research Symposium

Postdoctoral trainees should continue to apply for individual support.

Mentors are required to attend 1/3 of the Journal Club meetings, which are held monthly, September – June.

Funding Source	# of positions	Length of funding	Start date	Stipend/benefits
CANCER BIOLOGY TRAINING GRANT	1 predoc	1-2 yrs*	Sept 1st or later	\$20,976 + 2 1/2 terms tuition
CANCER BIOLOGY TRAINING GRANT	1 postdoc	1-2 yrs*	Sept 1st or later	stipend based on years experience + single person medical insurance
LOEB	1 predoc	1 yr.	Sept. 1	\$18,000 stipend no tuition
CANCER CENTER GIFT FUNDS	1 predoc or 1 postdoc	1 yr.	Sept 1 st or later	TBD depending on pre- or postdoc appt

*2nd year contingent continued progress in the first year of funding

Clinical Science Division Programs and Program Directors:

Leukemia/Lymphoma – BMT/Jamie Ferrara and Moshe Talpaz
Breast Oncology – Sofia Merajver and Dan Hayes
Prostate Oncology – Ken Pienta and Kathy Cooney
Thoracic Oncology – Greg Kalemkarian and Mark Orringer
Gastrointestinal Oncology – Diane Simeone
Childhood Cancers – Larry Boxer and Val Castle
Head and Neck Oncology – Tom Carey and Carol Bradford
Connective Tissue Oncology – Scott Schuetze
Cutaneous Oncology – Anj Dlugosz and Tim Johnson
OBGYN Oncology – Kevin Reynolds
Neuro Oncology – Larry Junck

**CANCER BIOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM
2009 Application for Funding**

Name of Applicant: _____

Title of Project: _____

Department or Graduate Program: _____

Campus Address and Box: _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Citizenship Status: _____

We are applying for **predoc** funding _____
Predocs please indicate year of study and when you achieved/will
achieve candidacy: _____

We are applying for **postdoc** funding _____
Postdocs, please indicate M.D. or Ph.D, and month and year you received your graduate
degree: _____

Mentor's Name and Department: _____

Mentor's Departmental Accountant's Name/Phone Number:

Mentor's Email Address: _____

If you have ever been funded by another NIH training grant at Michigan, please specify the
name of the program and the time period of funding:

Please indicate the Cancer Center Clinical Program that is most relevant to your research:

Check here if you have experienced educational, socioeconomic or cultural disadvantages
(EXAMPLES: Is English your second language? Did you attend a Title 1 high school?
Are you from a single-parent household? Have you had to overcome obstacles such as
discrimination?) If so, please check box: _____

Gender (Optional) M _____ F _____

Race (Optional) Hispanic _____ African American _____ Asian _____
Caucasian _____ Native American _____ Middle Eastern _____