

Cancer Research Coordinating Committee
UC Research Initiatives
University of California, Office of the President



CRCC Diversity and Disparities in Cancer Research Traineeship Supplement, 2020-21
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The UC Cancer Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC) is pleased to offer Faculty Seed Grant recipients an opportunity to request an award supplement of up to \$10,000 to support trainees from underrepresented communities or whose research addresses the impact of cancer in underserved communities. The intent of this supplement is to foster a pipeline of cancer researchers whose careers will enhance workforce diversity and/or strengthen research in topics that address cancer disparities.

The funding should support the trainees in conducting cancer research, and applicant PIs are expected to actively provide research mentorship to the trainees. The research activities should align with the scope of the Principal Investigator's funded CRCC award, and the one-year supplement must run concurrent with the parent award (October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021). One or more trainees may be supported by the supplement.

Trainees from socioeconomic, cultural, ethnic, racial, linguistic and geographic backgrounds who are not well-represented in cancer research careers, who are from underserved communities, or whose work is aimed at addressing cancer disparities are encouraged. In accordance with state law, preference will not be given to applicants based on race, color, ethnicity, gender or national origin.

PI/Mentor Eligibility: Faculty Seed Grant recipients with award start dates of October 1, 2020.

Trainee Eligibility:

- Enrolled University of California (UC) undergraduate students or first-year students in a terminal master's program. Recent graduates ("post-baccalaureates") not concurrently enrolled in a graduate program are also eligible.
- Individuals currently enrolled in a pre-doctoral or terminal doctorate program or who have earned a master's or doctoral degree (e.g. Ph.D., M.D., J.D.) are not eligible to be supported by this Supplement.

Supplement Details:

- Maximum award amount and duration: One year, concurrent with CRCC Faculty Seed Grant, and \$10,000 (direct costs only).
- Allowable costs: Trainee stipend or salary and benefits, supplies, trainee travel directly related to conducting the research or presenting research findings at a conference within the award year. (Funding for supplies must be related to the trainees' participation in the research and may not supplant supplies covered by the parent award.)

- Non-allowable costs: Equipment purchases, financial aid and indirect cost recovery.

Supplement Proposal: Content, Review and Selection

Funding may be requested to support one trainee for a year, or 2-3 trainees for a summer or academic term. One training plan should be provided regardless of the number of trainees to be supported by the funding. A candidate nomination form is required for each trainee. Proposals must include the following components, and be completed using the templates provided:

1. Training plan (2-page maximum; to be completed by the PI/mentor): Use the template provided to outline the trainees' research activities and other training opportunities in accordance with the instructions on the form.
2. Candidate Nomination (1 page maximum): Use the template provided. If more than one trainee is proposed, each candidate must have a separate nomination form.
3. Candidate resume or biosketch (2 pages): Please attach a resume, CV or biosketch for each nominated trainee. The resume or CV should specifically indicate the candidate's education, training and other relevant experience.
4. Itemized budget and justification: Use the budget template to provide an itemized budget indicating how the funding will support the trainee in accordance with the allowable costs. A short budget justification for each line item is required. (If funding is approved, the budget will be entered into SmartSimple, in connection with the parent award.)

Supplement Submission Procedure:

The application for the Diversity and Disparities in Cancer Research Traineeship Supplement must be submitted as part of the pre-funding process for a CRCC Faculty Seed Grant.

If you have questions, please contact your assigned UC Research Initiatives Program Officer or Jessica Wu at UCRI@ucop.edu.

Research Program Oversight

CRCC Faculty Seed Grants and the Diversity and Disparities in Cancer Research Traineeship Supplement are administered by UC Research Initiatives in the UC Office of the President. Funded supplements will be incorporated in the CRCC parent award. Your assigned Program Officer will serve as the primary program contact.

Please submit your application materials via email to UCRI@ucop.edu or your assigned Program Officer. If the supplement is awarded, additional instructions regarding the use of SmartSimple will be provided.