

Graduate Fellowship Program Request for Applications

Purpose and Overview

The Medical College of Wisconsin Cancer Center Fellowship Program is designed to train exceptional cancer scientists. The goal is to recruit and train the next generation of leaders in cancer research.

extend the period they are funded.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be assigned to a minimum of two reviewers who have substantial expertise in cancer research. These reviewers will score applications based on the standard NIH criteria for fellowships.

- Applicant strengths and research potential.
- For senior mentors, their track record of training will be evaluated. For more junior mentors, potential as a mentor will be considered. All mentors will be judged by their commitment to the career of the trainee and planned training experiences documented in their Sponsor Statement (see below).
- Significance, innovation, impact, approach and cancer relevance of the project.

Application Instructions

- Application Format: Use standard 11-point font, single space and half-inch margins throughout the application. Consecutively number all pages.
- Cover Page: Completed through online application portal at <https://redcap.link/h7h5ih7m>

within the 3-page limit of the Research Strategy section. This section should be considered as a “detailed Materials and Methods” section of manuscript-reading it should not be required to understand the proposal, or the proposed experiments. Reviewers will be instructed to reflect negatively in their critiques if they believe this section was used to present information which should be contained within the Research Strategy.

- Literature Cited: List only references pertinent to the proposed research. References do not count against the page limit.
- Statistical Plan (1/2-page limit): Identify aspects of the proposal that will require statistical evaluation and briefly explain why. Describe your plan for developing an appropriate analysis in the event funding is received. For assistance, consult the cancer center biostatistical service or alternative collaborator if needed.
- Proposal Contributions (200 words): Proposals should present the original work of the student with appropriate but limited guidance from the mentor. Briefly describe the relative contributions made by the student, mentor, and any other individuals to the conceptual design, writing and revision of this proposal.
- Letters of Support (if needed) Letters from collaborators to state the specific activities that the collaborator and their group will contribute to the training of the applicant and feasibility of the proposal. These are distinct from Letters of Recommendation. Sponsor Statement (see below).
- NIH Biosketch (5-page limit for each): Submit one biosketch for the fellow and one for the mentor, both in the NIH format.
- Letters of Recommendation Letters should be submitted in confidentiality to [mcwcc-](#)

- Complete applications including letters, are due by 5:00 p.m. of February 14, 2025.
- Notification of award on April 25, 2025.
- Funding starts July 1, 2025.
- Questions about the RFA, guidelines, eligibility and other pre-award and post-award matters should be addressed to mcwccrtec@mcw.edu
- Other questions regarding application reviews or funding decisions should be addressed to Vera Tarakanova and Sid Rao (vtarakan@mcw.edu, sridhar.rao@versiti.org)

Program Expectations

- Publication of original, peer-reviewed research.