

Application for Postdoctoral Fellowship in the T32 Cancer Control Education Program at UNC Lineberger

The goal of the UNC Cancer Control Education Program (CCEP) is to support research and training for highly-qualified individuals pursuing independent research careers in interdisciplinary and collaborative cancer prevention and control. The program emphasizes biobehavioral, translational public health research, pairing new knowledge on behavioral, community, organizational, policy-oriented, and molecular cancer risk factors with the design and implementation of interventions designed to decrease cancer risk or detect it early. Interventions by past trainees have targeted changes in tobacco use, diet, physical activity, tanning, vaccinations, and/or other cancer screening and adherence behaviors. The program has trained and fostered career development for over 100 trainees over the past two decades.

Opportunities available to T32 Postdoctoral Fellows

- Mentoring by faculty with extramurally funded cancer control research programs
- Networking with other post-doctoral fellows, program mentors and allied researchers from multiple institutions
- Guidance in developing grant applications and manuscript preparation and publication skills
- Specialized formal curriculum
- Training enhancement programs with nationally recognized speakers
- Collaboration with researchers across multiple disciplines

PROGRAM

The UNC Lineberger Cancer Control Education Program (CCEP) prepares interested fellows for careers in cancer prevention and control research. Under the guidance of faculty preceptors, fellows will become competent in: research methods; understanding the fundamental issues of cancer prevention and control; developing expertise by mastering a content area; and gaining practical research experience. In addition, the program encourages fellows to: develop and submit applications for independent funding; present research findings at regional or national research meetings; and publish in peer reviewed journals. The program encourages diversity in fellows' backgrounds and interests and provides flexible training to accommodate this diversity. Physicians and nurses without masters-level training are expected to pursue an advanced degree (MPH, PhD, DrPH). Fellows apply separately to degree programs, primarily at the UNC School of Public Health. Fellowships will begin in July 2020.

FACULTY MENTORS

Under the direction of Drs. Kurt Ribisl and Melissa Troester (Co-Directors), the CCEP includes faculty preceptors with experience in Epidemiology, Health Behavior, Nutrition, Medicine, Nursing, and other disciplines. Faculty include: Alice Ammerman, John Baron, Noel Brewer, Eugenia Eng, Barbara Fredrickson, Marilie Gammon, Melissa Gilkey,

Adam Goldstein, Laura Hanson, Louise Henderson, Stephen Hursting, Jennifer Leeman, Laura Linnan, Hazel Nichols, Matthew Nielsen, Seth Noar, Andy Olshan, Dan Reuland, Kurt Ribisl, Whitney Robinson, Jennifer Smith, Deborah Tate, Melissa Troester, Carmina Valle, Dianne Ward, and Steven Zeisel. Other associated faculty are eligible to co-mentor applicants with one of the above preceptors

ELIGIBILITY

Successful applicants will have a strong record of achievement, publications in cancer prevention and control, and a PhD, MD, or equivalent degree in behavioral science, epidemiology, nutrition, public health, or a related field. The CCEP offers training to: recent doctorates (PhDs, DrPHs, or their equivalent); more experienced doctorally-prepared applicants wishing to change their research focus; and physicians, nurses, and other clinicians who have completed their clinical training. Fellows generally receive two to three years of funding. Annual stipends start at \$50,004, depending on training and experience. Additional allowances include health insurance and support for tuition, travel and research expenses. The CCEP encourages applications from women and minorities. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Individuals must be highly motivated, possess initiative and a desire to learn and expand their interests and expertise.

INQUIRIES

For more information about the program, visit the CCEP webpage at <https://unclineberger.org/education/cancer-control-education-program>. Applications must include a cover letter, CV, statement of research interests and 3 letters of recommendation. Email applications to sara.vandegrift@unc. Applications for 2020-2021 funding will be accepted until January 8, 2020.
