

# Application Postdoctoral Fellowship

## T32 Cancer Control Education Program at UNC Lineberger



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The goal of the UNC Lineberger 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.

### 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.**

### 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

## 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 around \$56,000, 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.

## 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.

## Inquiries

For more information about the program, visit the CCEP webpage at **<https://unclineberger.org/cancer-control-education-program>**. Applications must include a cover letter, CV and statement of research interests. 3 letters of recommendation must be sent in separately. Please use the application button on the Lineberger CCEP website to apply.



**Applications for 2024-2025 funding will be accepted until February 2, 2024.**



The Old Well in early September on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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