Paul Calabresi Career Development Award K12 Program Call for Applications

Deadline to submit: March 1, 2013 at 5:00 pm
All applications must be submitted electronically in a single PDF file to:
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OVERVIEW
The UC Davis Cancer Center is pleased to announce a call for applications for the Paul Calabresi Career Development Award K12 Program. The goal of the program is to train junior faculty (basic-translational scientists and clinician scientists) as investigators in team-based patient-oriented cancer research. Upon successful completion of a three-year, salary-supported core curriculum, Scholars will receive a UC Davis Cancer Center Certificate in Clinical Cancer Research.

Selected scholars will receive 75% protected time for research, formal mentored training in clinical cancer research, $100,000/year (for up to 3 years) in salary support and $28,000/year (for up to 3 years) for research and travel expenses.

The program will combine key didactic, research, and career development components to train independent and productive clinical oncology researchers. The curriculum will be guided by two research tracks in Basic/Translational and Clinical science. Scholars will participate in four training components: (1) core competencies, (2) advanced coursework, (3) career development, and (4) mentored research. The mentored research training plan will be supervised by two senior, independently funded faculty members (one Basic/Translational mentor and one Clinical mentor) who will guide the Scholar in the development and conduct of his/her research project.

Scholars are expected to have developed their own investigator-initiated clinical trial during the training period, and have plans to secure suitable funding to support it.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
1) United States citizen, non-citizen national, or lawfully admitted permanent resident.
2) Clinical Track Scholars will be physicians holding an MD or DO degree, PharmD, or nurses with a PhD degree, and must have completed the necessary clinical training to engage in oncology research (e.g., completed residency training and are board-eligible). Basic/Translational Track Scholars will be individuals with doctoral level degrees (e.g., PhD, DVM) or the equivalent, with a minimum of two years of postdoctoral research training.
3) Demonstrate a high level of interest and a long-term plan to pursue a clinical cancer research career.
APPLICATION

Candidates must submit a written application electronically in a single PDF file. Unless otherwise specified, the application should conform to the standard NIH organizational structure and NIH guidelines with respect to the details of formatting (e.g. font size, margins) and include the following components:

1. Application cover sheet (see attached)

2. Research proposal should include demonstration of the feasibility (allocation of K12 award funds) of the proposal: (6 pages total)
   - Specific Aims
   - Significance
   - Innovation
   - Approach

3. Human subjects considerations in the planned research using the standard NIH format (Section E).

4. Career plans (no more than 2 pages)
   - Career goals and aspirations
   - Education and training plan (including didactics, mentoring, and special activities)

5. Cancer Center Shared Resource utilization describing how the applicant plans to draw on the resources of the Cancer Center.

6. NIH Biosketches from the applicant and both mentors. The applicant’s biosketch should include all sources of current extramural funding and describe applicants role, % effort and % salary support.


8. Letters of support (see specific requirements below).

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

1. Mentors: a letter of support from the candidate’s proposed mentors will be of great importance to the reviewers. Considerable attention should be paid to the requirements for the mentors’ letter:
   - The candidate will need to identify and propose two mentors: a basic/translational scientist and a clinical scientist, each of whom will contribute to the applicant’s program of research and training. Each proposed mentor will submit a letter of support either individually or jointly. A jointly signed letter is preferred.
   - The mentors’ letter must provide evidence of familiarity with the candidate’s research. Ideally, the mentors will guide the candidate in the development of the research proposal to be submitted as part of this application
   - The mentors’ letter should also describe specific plans for the frequency of contact between the mentors and the applicant and identify expectations for candidate productivity (i.e. expectations regarding manuscripts, submission of applications for extramural funding, etc.). They should indicate a willingness to complete the required semi-annual documentation of Scholar progress and participate in seminars with the other scholars and their mentors.
   - Finally, each mentor should describe their experience with mentoring and provide a table identifying prior mentees, their current positions, and any evidence of their mentees’ research productivity.

2. Department Chair: The letter should address the chair’s opinion regarding the applicant’s qualifications for a career as an independent clinical research scientist and discuss how the applicant’s work will contribute to and is consistent with goals of the department. The chair is also expected to commit to providing the scholar at least 75% protected time for research.
CALENDAR AND DEADLINES
The calendar for the application and review process is as follows:

1. Oncology K12 Program Q&A session ................................................................. January 14, 2013
   Time and Location: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Cancer Center Conference Room #3001
2. Electronic application deadline.................................................................. March 1, 2013 at 5:00 pm
3. Notification of finalist status................................................................. week of April 8, 2013
4. Formal applicant presentations .......................................................... week of May 6, 2013
   (Please keep your schedule clear from 8:00am until 5:00pm on the day of the interviews)
5. Notification of final results ................................................................. week of May 13, 2013
6. Appointment start date................................................................................ August 1, 2013

For more information about the UC Davis Cancer Center Paul Calabresi Career Development Award K12 Program, and/or the application process, please contact Program Manager Kristen Venditelli at (916) 703-9194 or at kristen.venditelli@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu.
Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): ____________________________  Degree(s): ____________________________

Professional Title(s): _____________________________________

Department(s): ___________________________________________

Institution: _______________________________________________

Work #: ____________________________  Home #: ____________________________

Pager #: ____________________________  Fax #: ____________________________

Preferred email address: ___________________________________

Permanent mailing address: _________________________________

**Letters of support:** Please list names, titles, affiliations, phone numbers and email addresses. Please list each mentor separately, although they must jointly author a single letter.

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Age: ________ years

Gender:  ☐ Male  ☐ Female

Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?
☐ Yes
☐ No

What is your race? Please mark all that apply:
☐ Asian  ☐ White  ☐ Black or African American
☐ Native American or Alaskan Native
☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
☐ Other (please specify) ___________________________________________

Citizenship:
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