Program Eligibility

- Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. from a top graduate program (U.S. or abroad) in any of the life sciences
- Publications in top tier journals (must have at least one first-author paper)
- Dedication to pursue translational cancer research
- United States Citizenship or Permanent Residency is not required. All foreign fellows must have a valid visa for the duration of the fellowship.
- Junior postdoctoral fellows and graduate students within one year of their anticipated defense date are highly encouraged to apply early. Program start dates are flexible.

How to Apply

1. Updated Curriculum Vitae
2. PDF reprints of all first author publications
3. Three letters of recommendation
   Letters should be written on official letterhead and contain original signatures. They should be submitted by email from the referee’s institutional/organizational email account to CPRITMDACCTraining@mdanderson.org.
4. A two-page essay describing the applicant’s goals and dedication toward a career in translational cancer research.
   Essay should be single-spaced and in 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font

Didactic Coursework

Fellows complete 12-15 credit hours of didactic coursework. Course selection is tailored individually from more than 160 different course offerings for each fellow to strengthen and broaden fundamental and translational cancer research knowledge. Examples of TRIUMPH coursework include:

- Basic & Translational Cancer Biology
- Human Protocol Research
- Human Pathobiology
- Tumor Immunology - Clinical Setting
- Translational Science: Bedside to Bench & Back
- Translational Cancer Research
- Design and Management of Clinical Trials

TRIUMPH Fellow Testimonial

Nicole Kettner, Ph.D., TRIUMPH Fellow

“The TRIUMPH program provides me with an incredibly rich training environment encompassing a wide range of research from the most basic to cutting edge clinical trials. With the expertise of my mentor and committee members, who are a diverse mixture of basic, translational, and physician scientists, I am guiding my research project from bench to bedside for potential development of a clinical trial.”

TRIUMPH Clinical Rotations

Fellows complete 3-5 clinical rotations and are matched to specific rotations based on interest and applicability to the fellow’s research project.

- Medical Oncology
- Surgical Oncology
- Radiation Oncology
- Investigational Cancer Therapeutics
- Translational Pathology

TRIUMPH Alumni

TRIUMPH fellows are highly sought for their unique and integrative training in translational research.
Since 2010:
- 28 Postdoctoral Fellows trained
- 144 manuscripts, reviews, & book chapters published (average impact factor: 10.3)
- >25 awards (e.g. AACR Scholar-in-Training)
- >$1M in independent research awards (e.g. US Department of Defense, American Cancer Society)

CPRIT TRIUMPH Outcomes

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TRIUMPH Alumni Testimonials

Jodi McKenzie, Ph.D., Senior Clinical Research Scientist, Oncology Group at Eisai Inc.

"The TRIUMPH program was very instrumental in helping me prepare for my career."

Curtis Pickering, Ph.D.
Tenure-Track Assistant Professor MD Anderson Cancer Center

"The TRIUMPH program taught me how to communicate with physicians and design better translational studies."

Humberto Lara-Guerra, MD, PhD, CCRP
Senior Clinical Director Oncology, Global Late Development at Merck

"The TRIUMPH program taught me to always think from the other side of the table and keep in mind the current problems that clinicians are confronting and also the practicality and essentiality of the solutions that we are developing."
Program Overview

The TRIUMPH Program at MD Anderson Cancer Center is a three-year post-doctoral research program providing unique training in clinical and translational cancer research through didactic coursework, clinical rotations, and a unique, multi-disciplinary mentoring team. Our mission is to produce well-trained and knowledgeable translational scientists who will pair with clinicians to direct highly impactful translational research projects and laboratories.

Fellows receive benefits/salary commensurate with NIH stipend guidelines. An annual travel allowance is granted to each fellow to present at national and international research conferences. TRIUMPH fellows spend their first month meeting with faculty, attending lab meetings, and selecting the research mentor with whom they will train.

TRIUMPH Faculty

TRIUMPH faculty are internationally recognized leaders in cancer research. They include National Academy of Science Members and a Nobel Prize Recipient. Our faculty serve in leadership roles at MD Anderson, and direct a wide variety of research projects expanding into all facets of cancer research. TRIUMPH faculty have excellent experience as post-doctoral mentors and publish often with their postdoctoral fellows in high impact, peer-reviewed journals.

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TRIUMPH Alumni Testimonial

Dong Yang, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist
Institute for Personalized Cancer Therapy
MD Anderson Cancer Center

"Without the TRIUMPH program, I would have never found my passion in clinical research and in the job I love."

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