Cancer Prevention Research Training Program Update

**Dr. Chamberlain is retiring!**

Robert M. Chamberlain, Ph.D., Principal Investigator for our Cancer Prevention Research Training Program and esteemed mentor to countless cancer prevention researchers, will be retiring from his position at M. D. Anderson August 31 of this year. Dr. Chamberlain is University of Texas System Distinguished Teaching Professor and Professor and Chair ad interim of Epidemiology.

In addition to leading CPRTP Program for the past 17 years, he has served on the M. D. Anderson Post-Doctoral Advisory Committee, as both a member and the chair, and as a consultant for several other health science training programs both at his home institution and elsewhere. His leadership in cancer prevention education, in addition to his service in other positions, was recognized by his peers with his election as the President of the American Association of Cancer Education in 1999 and in 2007, he was honored with the Margaret Hay Edwards Achievement Medal, the highest honor bestowed by AACE.

Dr. Chamberlain’s knowledge, creativity and mentorship of scientists in cancer prevention have been recognized through his award of various honors, such as the Julie and Ben Rogers Award for Excellence in Cancer Prevention (1997) and the first M. D. Anderson Postdoctoral Association Distinguished Mentor Award (2005), awarded annually and named for Dr. Chamberlain. The institution endorsed the award by contributing an annual cash prize of $10,000 for this honor. He was one of two M. D. Anderson faculty members appointed as charter members of the University of Texas Academy of Health Science Education, established in 2005, to recognize leading educators and to stimulate innovations in health science education. Also last year, he was honored with the Margaret Hay Edwards Achievement Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the American Association of Cancer Education. Most recently, Dr. Chamberlain was named M. D. Anderson’s Faculty Educator of the Month for February 2009. Notably, several of these accolades bestowed upon him have resulted from nominations submitted by his students and trainees.

During his career, Dr. Chamberlain has directly trained and supervised 65 pre-doctoral trainees and 23 postdoctoral fellows, in addition to more than 100 pre-doctoral trainees and postdoctoral fellows supported by the R25T Program, donor-sponsored fellowships, and research project grants within the four departments of the Division of Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences. We have all benefited immeasurably from Dr. Chamberlain’s wise and caring leadership, and he is truly irreplaceable.

Please plan to attend the celebration in honor of Dr. Chamberlain’s career on Saturday, October 17 (see Save the Date page) as we express our deepest appreciation and wish him all the best!
We are pleased to welcome Dr. Carrie Cameron as our new Associate Director for the Cancer Prevention Research Training Program and Instructor in Epidemiology. Many of you know Dr. Cameron from her service to trainees and faculty through the M. D. Anderson Department of Scientific Publications and her management of educational programs offered by the Department of Scientific Publications. This included the flagship “Writing and Publishing Scientific Articles” and “Writing Scientific Articles: A Course for Faculty” programs, other numerous brown bag presentations on writing topics, and the more recently launched, "Scientific English" Program, which she developed. The latter program has grown from a small pilot project with the Departments of Epidemiology and Molecular & Cellular Oncology to a full-scale program with three levels and multiple sections of each level.

Academic educational experience previous to her work at M. D. Anderson includes 20 years' experience in corporate and academic cross-cultural consulting, training, and program development, as well as teaching undergraduate and graduate-level courses at Rice University where she earned her doctoral degree in linguistics. This expertise and her experience in Scientific Publications has resulted in her recent selection as a Fulbright Senior Specialist for an educational program at the University of Chile in Santiago. The project will assist Chilean biosciences educators in developing a curriculum based on the at M. D. Anderson "Scientific English" curriculum that has been offered since January of 2008.

She reports being "very excited about working with the CPRTP and delighted to be a part of the Department of Epidemiology." We look forward to her contribution to our CPRTP's training and educational activities, mentoring and advising, educational scholarship, and administrative leadership. Please welcome her warmly to our program (CPB 7.3553), its leadership team, and our Division.

Victoria Rosella, Administrative Assistant joined the Department of Epidemiology and the Cancer Prevention Research Training Program in February, 2009. Before becoming a Texan, Vickie lived in San Diego, California where she worked for San Diego State University. She has 2 sons, A.J. and Nicholas, and loves to ride four-wheelers and motorcycles with them on the weekends, although she misses surfing with them on the California beaches. When she’s not working or hanging out with her boys, Vickie stays busy taking care of her three dogs and four cats. Please welcome Vickie to our team!

Candice Collie, M.P.H., began with the Department of Epidemiology as a trainee in June, 2008. In February, 2009 Dr. Chang hired Candice as Coordinator, Special Programs for the department. Candice works with Dr. Chang on a number of projects focused on training, education, and the workforce in cancer prevention and is also coordinating the symposium Drs. Chang and Chamberlain are hosting in October, 2009 (see pg. 8). Candice is originally from San Antonio, Texas and completed her undergraduate degree in Communication at Texas A&M University and her master’s in Social & Behavioral Health at the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health, in College Station. We are delighted to have Candice as a member of our staff!
CPRTP co-sponsors “Responsible Conduct of Research” training series with Trainee & Alumni Affairs and MDACC Postdoctoral Association

CPRTP postdoc Hui Zhao of Epidemiology was awarded a seed grant from the National Postdoctoral Association to conduct a series of five RCR seminars this past fall and winter. The seminars included understanding research ethics, led by Dr. Cheryl Erwin, Director of the Medical Humanities Certificate Program at UT Medical School; creation of a career development plan and strategies for working with mentors, led by Dr. Robert Chamberlain, former director of the CPRTP; publication practices, authorship and peer review, led by Dr. Carrie Cameron, now Associate Director of the CPRTP and Ms. Kathryn Carnes, Scientific Editor and Manager in Scientific Publications; and communication between mentors and trainees, led by Dr. Shine Chang, director of the CPRTP.

The responsible conduct of research (RCR) is important to successful postdoc training and career development: it is a requirement for trainees supported by federal grants and also for those applying for career development K awards. It also helps trainees to develop professionalism in their publication practices, mentor interactions, data management, collaborative science, and to avoid research misconduct.

Although the seminars were targeted to postdocs, they drew audiences of graduate students, visiting scientists, research assistants, instructors and junior faculty. The seminars took place in the main campus and were videoconferenced to Science Park and South Campus. Altogether, 357 participants attended the RCR seminars. From the 162 feedback forms we collected at those seminars, 90% reported that seminars provided them with valuable knowledge, and 85% reported that the seminars provided them with needed skills.

Hui is now working with TAA and the Postdoctoral Advisory Committee to plan the second RCR seminar series. RCR survey results indicate that topics of interest are research misconduct, data management and acquisition, publication practices, and collaborative science. Mentor/trainee responsibilities may appear again due to the high impact of this relationship to successful postdoc training. Please stay tuned to the announcement from PDA or TAA for the upcoming RCR seminars.

The Cancer Prevention Research Training Program is now accepting applications for 3 or 6-month, part-time graduate assistantships for this summer, under the R25C Cancer Education Program funded by the National Cancer Institute. Applications will be accepted the 1st and 15th of each month for review by the Education Advisory Committee to see if they meet the requirements for an award beginning July 1, 2009 – BUT trainees do not have to wait until July 1st to begin their assistantship. Depending on the mentor selected, students may be able to be funded by the mentor themselves until July 1st OR the student may work un-paid until July 1st. Please contact Dee Tello, Academic Coordinator for more information at (713) 745-2495 or dtello@mdanderson.org.
Congratulations!

Division of Cancer Prevention & Population Sciences 1st Annual Awards in Excellence for Training and Mentorship in Cancer Prevention

Outstanding Cancer Prevention Trainee

Pre-Doctoral Cancer Prevention Trainee Award Winners (Three-Way Tie):
E. Amirian (Epidemiology, mentored by Drs. Melissa Bondy, Michael Scheurer)
Mary Katherine Bispeck (Behavioral Science, mentored by Dr. Wendy Demark-Wahnefried)
Jessica Clague (Epidemiology, mentored by Drs. Xifeng Wu, Joe Chang).

Postdoctoral Cancer Prevention Trainee Award Winner:
Hui Zhao, Ph.D. (Epidemiology, mentored by Drs. Qingyi Wei, Carol Etzel)

Pre-Doctoral Cancer Prevention Trainee Award Honorable Mentions:
Jennifer Colby (Carcinogenesis, mentored by Drs. Sue Fischer, Robert Newman, David Menter)
Candice Collie (Epidemiology, mentored by Drs. Shine Chang, Robert Chamberlain)
Rhiannon Dodge (Epidemiology, mentored by Dr. Shine Chang)

Postdoctoral Cancer Prevention Trainee Award Honorable Mentions:
Michelle Hildebrandt (Epidemiology, mentored by Drs. Xifeng Wu, Chris Amos)
Daniel Hughes (Behavioral Science, mentored by Drs. Karen Basen-Engquist, Anil Sood)
Darla Kendzor (Health Disparities Research, mentored by Drs. David Wetter, Jennifer Irvin Vidrine, Yisheng Li)
Adrienne McCampbell (Gynecology Oncology, mentored by Drs. Russell Broadus, Imad Shureiqi)

Leading Mentor in Cancer Prevention

Winner:
David Wetter, Ph.D.,
Chair and Professor of Health Disparities Research

Other worthy nominees:
Chris Amos, Epidemiology
Jan Blalock, Behavioral Science
Russell Broaddus, Pathology
Lorenzo Cohen, Behavioral Science
Michele Forman, Epidemiology
Sanjay Shete, Epidemiology
Marsha Frazier, Epidemiology
Xifeng Wu, Epidemiology
Randa El-Zein, Epidemiology
Recent Trainee Awards

Eric Chi, M.S., Former R25E Trainee
Accepted to the M.D./Ph.D. Program at Baylor College of Medicine

Jessica Clague, M.P.H., Epidemiology
Scholar-Training-Award Finalist for American Association for Cancer Research 2009 Annual Meeting in April and will be giving an oral presentation "Genetic Variation in Sonic Hedgehog Pathway Genes as Predictors of Survival in Patients with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer" & Scholar-Training Award for poster "Genetic Variations in Sonic Pathway Genes as Predictors of Bladder Cancer Risk" presented at the AACR International Conference on Frontiers in Cancer Prevention Research, Nov. 2008

Michelle Hildebrandt, Ph.D., Epidemiology
M. D. Anderson Trainee Excellence Award for “Kinase Gene Expression Profiles are Associated with Clinical Outcomes in Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma Patients” presented at the AACR International Conference on Frontiers in Cancer Prevention Research, in Washington, DC

Darla Kendzor, Ph.D., Health Disparities Research
Jeffery Lee Cousins Fellowship in Lung Cancer Research ($4,000 award) & A. Lavoy Moore Endowment Fund ($1,500 award)

Raheem Paxton, Ph.D., Behavioral Science
Chosen to give a presentation during the “New Investigators Workshop” at the American Society of Preventive Oncology Annual Meeting in Tampa, FL, March, 2009 – included waived registration fees and $200

Guermarie Velazquez-Torres, B.S., M.S., Cancer Biology
3rd place winner of student poster presentation competition, Cancer Biology Program at the U.T. Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Houston

Hui Zhao, Ph.D., Epidemiology
Trainee of the Quarter Award for September - November 2008 from M. D. Anderson Trainee & Alumni Affairs
Best Poster Award - American Society of Preventive Oncology Annual Meeting in Tampa, FL, March, 2009

Congratulations to all of our successful trainees!

The Robert M. Chamberlain Distinguished Mentor Award

The M. D. Anderson Postdoctoral Association honored Michelle C. Barton, Ph.D., Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, as the 2009 Robert M. Chamberlain Distinguished Mentor Award recipient in an award ceremony on February 23, 2009. Selected from among the esteemed faculty at the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Dr. Barton is recognized for her outstanding mentoring of postdoctoral fellows at this Institution. The M. D. Anderson Postdoctoral Association established the Robert M. Chamberlain Distinguished Mentor Award in 2005 to recognize and honor faculty members whose careers have underscored the value of mentoring postdoctoral fellows at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Annually, this award acknowledges a faculty member who, through demonstrated guidance of postdoctoral fellows, exemplifies the fundamental mentoring qualities of teacher, coach, and sponsor.

2009 Robert M. Chamberlain Distinguished Mentor Award Finalists and Nominees from the Division of Cancer Prevention & Population Sciences

Finalist: David W. Wetter, Ph.D., Health Disparities Research

Nominees:
Shine Chang, Ph.D., Epidemiology
Lorenzo Cohen, Ph.D., Behavioral Science
Marsha L. Frazier, Ph.D., Epidemiology
Alexander V. Prokhorov, M.D., Ph.D., Behavioral Science
Sanjay S. Shete, Ph.D., Epidemiology
Qingyi Wei, M.D., Ph.D., Epidemiology
Xifeng Wu, M.D., Ph.D., Epidemiology
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**New Scientific Writing Course Offered at the UT Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences!**
M. D. Anderson's Department of Scientific Publications is offering a for-credit graduate course in writing scientific research articles, through the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS), beginning Spring 2009. The course covers the fundamentals of scientific writing for publication and includes the basic structure of the research article, writing strategies, and ethical issues. Guest speakers are senior scientific editors. Course participants improve hypothesis-driven writing skills through discussion, readings, and assignments; they go through the writing process, including revisions, of producing a draft of a scientific article. Improvement in spoken presentation is also emphasized. For more information, contact Elisabeth Cummings, Ph.D., at eacummin@mdanderson.org.

**Writing and Publishing Scientific Articles (WAPSA) Course Offered by the Department of Scientific Publications**
WAPSA is a structured, practical and in-depth writing-education program for postdoctoral fellows and clinical trainees of M. D. Anderson, taught by the Department of Scientific Publications. Offered several times annually, this 19.5-contact-hour course provides an excellent opportunity for advancing participants' skills in writing and publishing research articles while developing their in-progress manuscripts under the guidance of scientific editors. WAPSA meets for a full day (10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) once a week for three courses. Announcements and registration forms are sent to trainees and faculty advisors approximately six weeks prior to each workshop. Applicants are required to submit a short writing sample and to get the signature of their P.I. on their registration form. **Next course dates are August 4, 11, and 18, 2009.** Interested trainees are encouraged to apply early, as the workshop fills quickly. For more information, contact Elisabeth Cummings, Ph.D., at eacummin@mdanderson.org.

**Grant Writer's Lunches**
Writing career development grant applications or grants in general, particularly if you haven't done it before, can be hard, tricky, and lonely – but it doesn't have to be that way! If you are writing or preparing to write a grant and would like to get together with others involved in the same activity for support and feedback, you are invited to join us every other Wednesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. in CPB7.3555. Topics for each meeting will vary, including group members presenting aspects of their proposals for feedback from the group, sharing strategies for time management, organization, writing productivity, project planning, communication with mentors, and other useful topics. Please contact Dr. Shine Chang at shinechang@mdanderson.org to be added to the email list.

**Cancer Prevention Grand Rounds:**
Friday, May 15 at 8:30 a.m.
Isaac Lipkus, Ph.D., Associate Research Professor
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
Duke University
“Why do messages about cancer risk fail? Insights into a program of research”
ACB1.2325 A-C

Friday, June 26 at 8:30 a.m.
David Gilbert, Ph.D., Professor
Southern Illinois University
Clinical Psychology Program
"Smoking, Nicotine, Attention, & Affect: New Directions & Methods"
ACB1.2345

**Watch for announcements of upcoming Trainee Brown Bag Seminars!**

**POSTPONED:**
The 2009 Day of Prevention Science: honoring Dr. Margaret Spitz has been postponed. Please watch for updates on when the symposium will be held.
Mark Your Calendars!

Important events for trainees!

Learn valuable career information from professionals in your field!

Submit an abstract for presentation at a professional meeting!

Networking and career development opportunities!

Insights into Career Development Awards: K07, K99/R00, and application review.

Presented by the M. D. Anderson Postdoctoral Association

Speakers:

Michael Swartz, PhD, BS
Instructor, Epidemiology (K07 awardee)

Jennifer Minnix, PhD
Instructor, Behavioral Science (K99/R00 awardee)

Robert Chamberlain, PhD, BA, MA
Chair Ad Interim, Epidemiology (Grant Reviewer's perspective)

Tuesday, April 28th 2009
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.
AT&T Auditorium (B2.4750)

The M. D. Anderson Postdoctoral Association
 Presents
Postdoctoral Career Development Seminar- Part I
Everything you wanted to know about career ascendency but were afraid to ask

In this 2 part series, Part I will cover discussions by the experts on trends for trainees in academia; information on whom one should ask for advice for career goals, and the importance of thinking about your career path early and having time frames.

Presenters:

Douglas D. Boyd, Ph.D.
Professor, Cancer Biology and
Michael W. Van Dyke, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Molecular and Cellular Oncology

Thursday, May 7th, 2009
3 – 4 p.m.
AT&T Auditorium (B2.4750)
SAVE THE DATE for a symposium hosted by Drs. Bob Chamberlain & Shine Chang on Saturday and Sunday, October 17-18, 2009 at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Cancer Prevention Building 8th Floor Conference Center.

“Future Directions in Cancer Prevention & Control: Workforce Implications for Training, Practice, & Policy”

Due to increasing concerns about the future of the workforce related to cancer prevention – including oncologists, cancer prevention researchers, educators, and trainees – and the need for a comprehensive assessment of the cancer prevention workforce, a symposium is being organized to address these issues. This symposium will bring together experts in the field of cancer prevention education and training to discuss and analyze multiple aspects of the cancer prevention workforce.

The objectives of the symposium include:

- Assessing the current status of the cancer prevention workforce (e.g., who is or is not being trained, what funds are available for training, locations of training centers, availability of jobs, etc.);
- Identifying current gaps in the cancer prevention workforce as well as the needs of the populations being met or not met by the workforce, and understanding the role of each constituent group in developing the workforce (e.g., universities, professional membership societies);
- Predicting short-term future needs of both the workforce and the populations it serves; and
- Creating strategies to remedy current gaps and to anticipate future needs and framing these as recommendations for each constituent group to address.

Check out the website (http://sites.google.com/site/cancerprevwkfbobchamberlain/) for more information and stay tuned for registration details and information on sponsorship opportunities for trainees!

And DON’T MISS the retirement celebration in honor of Dr. Chamberlain’s career in cancer prevention education and training on the evening of Saturday, October 17, 2009! If you are unable to make it to the celebration, but would like to send a message for Dr. Chamberlain, please send to Dr. Shine Chang at shinechang@mdanderson.org.
Advice from Cancer Prevention Grand Rounds Speakers

On Friday, February 20, 2009, Joanne R. Lupton, Ph.D., Regent’s Professor, University Faculty Fellow and William W. Allen Endowed Chair in Human Nutrition from Texas A&M University, was a speaker for the Cancer Prevention Grand Rounds series. Her talk, entitled “Diet and colon carcinogenesis: using message from exfoliated colon cells to predict tumor outcome,” focused on her discovery of the nutrient interaction (fiber and fish oil) to reduce the risk of colorectal cancer, and how some of the methods developed in her lab further led to human clinical trials for a new, non-invasive method for early detection of colon cancer.

Following her presentation, Dr. Lupton met with trainees to share some of her experiences and give career advice. She explained that her background—an undergraduate degree in philosophy and ten years working in public relations—gave her some very important skills that have helped her career in science. Dr. Lupton said “Listen to what others are interested in, don’t just talk about your interests. If you want to work together on something, you have to meet them halfway” and “Communication skills are very important and logical thinking (philosophy) is actually very helpful for understanding concepts and being able to see the big picture/broad scheme of a project”.

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“If I just get through this, when I get to the next level, then I’ll be happy” but once they’re in that position they think “if I just get through this, when I get to the next level, then I’ll be happy” and so on. Dr. Lupton emphasized how important it is not to think about tomorrow or a year from now or even farther into the future, but to think about right now. “Enjoy the day, be happy now.”

Dr. Lupton also said “Don’t be afraid to make an idiot of yourself. You pretty much have to be when you learn new things, especially as you get older.” Some of the best, most promising students/trainees she’s seen are the ones who aren’t afraid to make a mistake and are willing to admit when they do. It’s good to “be a little fearless”, she says.

Pathways to Success in Science

Dr. Raymond DuBois, M. D. Anderson's Provost and Executive Vice President, has recently launched an exciting new speaker series featuring highly accomplished academics and scientists who have excelled in their own careers and fostered the growth and development of others in their field. On March 9, 2009, the “Provost’s Career Builder’s Series” featured Bert O’Malley, M.D., Tom Thompson Distinguished Service Professor and Chairman of the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. O’Malley presented “Pathways to Success in Science,” focusing on how to succeed in an academic career and gave five criteria that he feels are critical to success:

1. Sufficient Intelligence – but a high IQ alone does not lead to success
2. Commitment to your industry – Hard work
3. Good Judgment or “Practical Intelligence”
4. Code of Ethics – personally and as a scientist
5. Opportunity – they are around you on a daily basis; there for those who are aware of them and realize their value

The next presentation is scheduled for May 12, 2009. See the Provost’s Career Builder’s Series Inside M. D. Anderson webpage for more information.

Did You Know?

The one thing that could make or break your next interview?

ENTHUSIASM!

Mohammad Siahpush, Ph.D., Professor of Health Promotion at the University of Nebraska College of Public Health and an expert on the social determinants of health, presented his research on the reciprocal relationship of financial strain and smoking behavior, at the Cancer Prevention Grand Rounds Seminar on Friday, February 27, 2009. Dr. Siahpush also shared with trainees some advice about interviewing. He explained that while interviewing candidates for faculty positions, the committee looks at a number of factors including publications, grants, and research experience and then invites promising candidates for a phone interview. During this discussion the committee takes into account the content of answers and also enthusiasm of the candidate. Dr. Siahpush explained that even candidates who “look good on paper” can ruin their chances with a lack of enthusiasm. So don’t be timid in your interviews! Let your passion for your profession show!
Cancer Prevention Research Training Program

The UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Prevention Research Training Program prepares health scientists and clinicians to assume leadership roles as research investigators in the field of cancer prevention and control. The program’s multi-disciplinary emphasis expands the perspective of the trainees by moving from their base of strength in a particular specialty (e.g., medical oncology, molecular genetics, behavioral science) to equip them with basic knowledge in the other disciplines in cancer prevention and control research. Trainees learn the relevant principles, research methods, and analytic approaches used by these other disciplines.

This multi-disciplinary training is accomplished through specific graduate courses, our seminar series, and by participation in ongoing peer-reviewed, mentored research. The objective is to immerse the trainee in the type of multi-disciplinary research environment typical of cancer prevention and control and to encourage the trainee to pursue a career in cancer prevention research.

This program includes:
• 3-Month Appointments: All graduate students and minority under-graduate students are eligible for 3-month fellowship. Graduate students must be currently enrolled in an accredited graduate program or medical school.
• 6-Month Appointments: Applicants who wish to submit an application for the 6-month fellowship must be (1) enrolled in a doctoral program and hold a master’s degree or equivalent from appropriate health science disciplines. (2) intend to apply for a multi-year fellowship supported by our NCI R35 training program.
• Predoctoral Appointments: Applicants intending to apply for a predoctoral fellowship must be enrolled in a doctoral program and within 18 months of their qualifying exam. Predoc Fellows are eligible for up to 3 years training ($26,000/year + benefits)
• Postdoctoral Appointments: Applicants intending to apply for a postdoctoral fellowship must be within 12 months of completing their dissertation. Postdoc Fellows are eligible for 2 years of training ($48,000 - $60,000/year + benefits) with possibility of extension
• Funding for stipend and benefits, tuition, books, allowance for travel, professional development, and research expenses.

For the 3-Month Appointment, an applicant must be currently enrolled in an accredited graduate program or medical school and be a U.S. citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident. Applicants with visas are not eligible.

Predoctoral fellowship applicants must hold a Master’s degree or equivalent from appropriate health science disciplines, be enrolled in a doctoral degree program and be a U.S. citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident. Applicants with visas are not eligible.

Postdoctoral fellowship applicants must have earned doctorates in health science or related disciplines. Applicants for NCI-funded post-doctoral fellowships must be U.S. citizen or lawfully admitted permanent residents. Applicants with visas are not eligible. Donor-supported postdoctoral positions are available to applicants without regard to citizenship.

These fellowships are funded by the National Cancer Institute grants (R25CA057730/R25ECA056452) and donor contributions.

How to Apply:
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Have you been a ‘trainee’ at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center for at least six months?

If you answered yes, then we would like to welcome you to the membership M. D. Anderson Alumni and Faculty Association. The Association is made up of current and former faculty members and trainees who enjoy a number of benefits. The M. D. Anderson Alumni and Faculty Association launched the Alumni Quest campaign in November 2007 to identify and locate alumni members who have left the institution and for whom we have no contact information. The campaign was also a major effort in securing up-to-date contact information for all alumni members. Because of this initiative, our membership has more than quadrupled. We continue to look for our ‘lost’ alumni...especially those who work outside of the United States. You can help us with our Alumni Quest campaign by:
– Notifying us of any changes in your address;
– Completing forwarding information on exit documentation at the end of your appointment; and
– Informing the Alumni and Faculty Association of the whereabouts of fellow trainees who work internationally.

If you have any information on your fellow alumni or if you have questions about Alumni Quest or your membership in the M. D. Anderson Alumni and Faculty Association, please do not hesitate to contact us at 713-794-1555 or at alumni@mdanderson.org. You can also visit our website at www.mdanderson.org/departments/andersonsasso. Thank you, from the Alumni Office Staff: Cassie Ballard, Charlotte Fuselier, Sharon Pepper, and Jennifer Price.

Comments and suggestions for this newsletter are always welcomed and encouraged.

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