

Division of Cancer Prevention

NCI Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program

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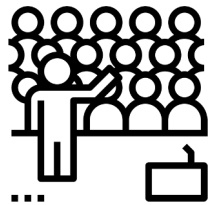
CPFP Mission Statement

June 2023

The Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program empowers postdoctoral fellows to become **leading multidisciplinary scientists in domestic and global cancer prevention** research through comprehensive career training, collaborative research opportunities, and professional partnerships.



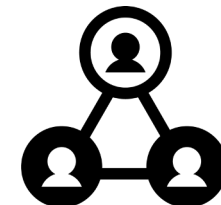
Independent Research



Training



Leadership



Collaboration

CPFP: What makes us unique?

Over 380 Cancer Prevention Fellows
trained since 1987

- **Multidisciplinary**
- **Sponsored M.P.H.**
- Cohort model
- Structured professional development curriculum
- Independent research
- Individualized fellowship coaching
- Support up to 4 years



A word cloud of various scientific and medical disciplines, including: Health and Risk Communication, Outcomes Research, Pharmacology, Urban Systems, Cancer Epidemiology, Nutrition Interventions, Nutrition Science, Public Health, Biological Sciences, Behavioral and Community Health, Health Behavior Research, Cellular Structural Biology, Environmental Health Sciences, Physical Activity, Innovation Management, Epidemiology, Social Psychology, Epidemiology, Biomedical Engineering, Kinesiology, Human and Behavioral Change, Communication & Behavioral Medicine, Social Behavioral Sciences, Cellular and Molecular Medicine, Experimental Pathology, Translational Medicine, Health and Public Policy, Clinical Research, Environmental Toxicology, Nutritional Epidemiology, Preventive Medicine, Pathobiology, Science, Genetics, Psychology, Administration, Nursing, Biostatistics, Patient Oriented Research, Rehabilitation Services, and Media and Communication.

Doctoral degrees, past 6 cohorts

CPFP: Cohort-based Model



Frist Year CPFP Fellows
8 -10 fellows/year

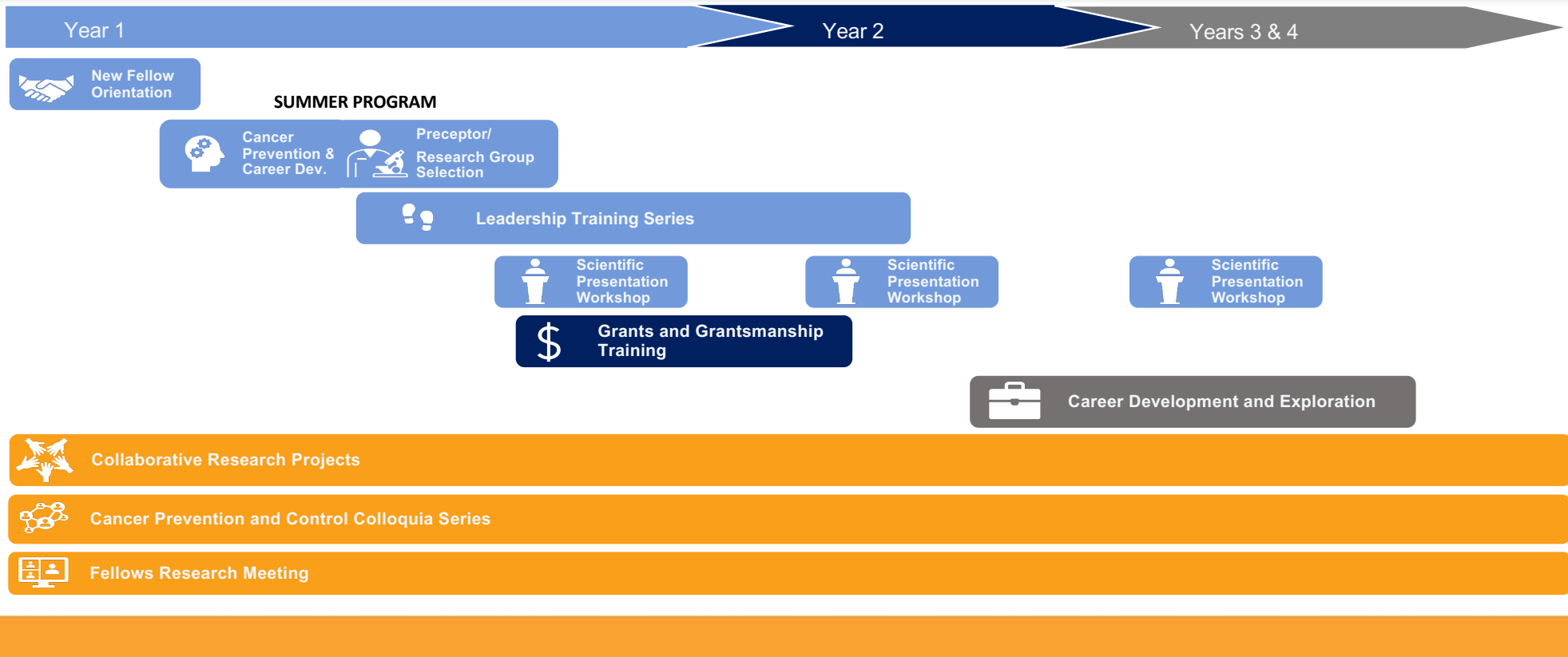
On-site at NCI

Post-doctoral Research & Career
Development Training

Full Time 1 year M.P.H. Program

Tuition Covered by CPFP
Fellows select M.P.H. program

CPFP: Core Curriculum Timeline



Mentored-Independent Research

- Fellows choose mentor(s) across NCI (or at the US Food & Drug Administration)
- Stipend is not mentor-, project-, or division-specific
- Fellows have flexibility in selection and involvement in research & other activities



CPFP: Research Opportunities at NCI

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Division of Cancer Prevention

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Center for Cancer Research

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Center for Global Health

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Cancer Prevention & Interception Clinic

CPFP: Financial Benefits

- Financial Support for **up to 4 years**
- Health Insurance
- Relocation Benefits
- Training and Travel Funds
- Opportunity to earn an M.P.H.; sponsored by the NCI
- Opportunities to apply for additional funds to support fellows' collaborative projects

CPFP: Eligibility Requirements

- **Doctoral degree**
 - Ph.D., Sc.D., M.D., Pharm.D., D.M.D. or other doctoral degree in a relevant discipline
- **Less than five years of relevant postdoctoral research experience at the time of fellowship entry**
 - Examples:
 - Newly graduated Ph.D. or Sc.D. with no postdoctoral experience
 - Ph.D. with 3 years of postdoctoral experience
- **United States citizenship or permanent residency** at the time you apply

CPFP Application: Timeline of Activities

ACTIVITY

May - August

Completion of CPFP application

Candidates complete CPFP application.

Applications are due on August 1st.

October

CPFP Interview

CPFP selects/invites candidates for interview (**by early October**).

November

Candidate Selection

CPFP notifies candidates final decisions on selection into the CPFP (**by early November**)

December

M.P.H. Application

Selected candidates without formal public health training apply to M.P.H programs nationwide.

December 1st is the application deadline for most schools.

June

CPFP Fellowship Begins

The CPFP academic year starts in June of the following year.

All incoming fellows start the first week in June.

CPFP Application: Requested Documents

1. Personal Statement of Research Goals
2. *Curriculum Vitae*
3. Letters of Recommendation (four)
4. Letter of Assurance
5. Proof of Degree
6. Academic Transcripts

CPFP: *Curriculum Vitae*

- Education
- Research & Work Experience
 - *Please list current and past employment.*
 - Brief description of duties and accomplishments
 - What and how
 - Impact/Results
- Few key words that describe your research interests
- Presentations & Publications
- Mentorship, Outreach, Teaching, and Leadership experiences

CPFP Application: Personal Statement of Research Goals

- Understand the mission of the program
- Connect your goals to program goals
 - Tell us why you would like to join the CPFP!
 - Describe research interests and goals
 - How your goals relate to cancer prevention and control?
 - Short- and long-term career goals
 - Explain how the CPFP will help you achieve those goals
 - Impact of completing an MPH on the achievement of professional/scientific goals
- Start early!
- Ask someone to review the personal statement
- Format: two typed, single-spaced pages and use 12-point font and 1-inch margins

CPFP Application: Letters of Recommendation

- Select someone who knows you
- Should tell/show a story
- Request your letter at least a month in advance
- Four letters in total
- Provide information to the referee:
 - *Curriculum Vitae*
 - Personal statement
 - Information about the program
 - Discuss your training and career goals
- Send a respectful reminder to your referees

CPFP Application: Meet the Deadlines!

- Reach out to mentors, colleagues, CPFP leadership, etc.!
- Revise all documents before submitting them.
- Review all information provided to you by the program.
- Follow communication best practices and be professional at all times.
- Respond to emails promptly.
- Start early!



Applications accepted May–August for positions starting the following June.

This is a multidisciplinary fellowship opportunity.

Researchers with interests in and adjacent to the field of cancer prevention are encouraged to apply.

The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program supports postdoctoral research in cancer prevention and control. Plus, in the program you will:

- Launch an independent research program.
- Increase performance through fellowship coaching and training.
- Join a cohort of diverse postdoc collaborators.
- If eligible, earn an MPH sponsored by NCI.
- Receive a competitive stipend with relocation, health insurance, and travel benefits.



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