UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES AND CANCER CENTER OBJECTIVES

Introduction/Initial Application

Cancer Center membership is potentially available to all UCLA faculty. **Members must have a predominant and productive interest in cancer and/or related disciplines, the ability and willingness to contribute to the cancer center and an academic title in the Regular, In-Residence, Adjunct or Clinical Instructor series at UCLA. Exceptions to this policy are considered on a case by case basis**. Application for membership in the Cancer Center is voluntary and also connotes agreement by the applicant with the Center's membership obligations and basic objectives (see pages 2-3).

Cancer Center membership usually is offered only in conjunction with prior departmental appointments; therefore, approval by the applicant's departmental chair as well as the relevant Cancer Center research program director is required.

Applicants should indicate on the application form the Cancer Center research program which best fits their primary area of interest. The Cancer Center currently operates nine research programs:

Cancer and Stem Cell Biology
Cancer Molecular Imaging
Cancer Nanotechnology
Gene Regulation
Healthy and At-Risk Populations
Patients and Survivors
Signal Transduction and Therapeutics
Tumor Immunology

Applicants whose interests lie outside any of the defined Cancer Center research programs, as listed above, should explain their situation by describing their cancer-related activities briefly on the application form. A limited number of members may be categorized as "Members-At-Large".

Application Review

Cancer Center membership is reviewed by Cancer Center leadership on an annual basis, at which time supplemental materials may be requested. Criteria for reviewing applications include the following:

Current Productivity in Cancer Field

- Cancer-related publications during previous three years
- Training activities in cancer
- National and community service (study sections, consultation to NCI, voluntary assistance to cancer organizations, etc.)

Service to the Cancer Center

- Administrative contributions and/or
- Cancer Center committee activities and/or
- In-house scientific peer review
- Communications/educational activities for the Center (scientific seminars, talks to lay groups, etc.)

Privileges of JCCC Membership

1. Priority access to Cancer Center shared resources or core services
2. Access to office and research space controlled by the Cancer Center
3. Participation in funded research program activities
4. Access to Media Relations office for assistance with news releases or media inquiries
5. Use of specialized facilities and resources (i.e., PCR facility, GMP suite)
6. Grant and meeting information
7. Listing of on-campus activities and seminars
8. Assistance with fundraising through the Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation

Non-member faculty also may have access to seed grants under other defined circumstances (see separate guidelines for seed grant and fellowship support).

Obligations of JCCC Membership

1. All cancer researchers, whether members or not, must submit to the Internal Scientific Peer Review Committee (ISPRC) prior to submission to the IRB*** information about proposed clinical cancer research protocols in which they are the principal investigator. We are required by the NCI to peer review all clinical protocols.
2. All members should acknowledge the use of the Cancer Center facilities, space or assistance from the core grant, as appropriate, on their research publications, and they should send single copies of reprints of these published papers to the Cancer Center Administrative Office for record-keeping purposes.

*** Human Subject Protection Committee, for studies at the Center for the Health Sciences

Objectives of the Cancer Center

1. The Cancer Center is dedicated to innovation and excellence in interdisciplinary cancer research and training. It is our mission to help move basic research into the applied setting to reduce cancer incidence, morbidity and mortality, and to improve detection, diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

2. The Cancer Center serves as a community resource to sponsor and conduct informational activities for lay people and health care professionals and to implement outreach programs linking the communities to the research and services of the Center.

3. New research programs will be developed by the Center to assist and complement existing cancer research and clinical resources.

4. The Cancer Center will strive for the highest quality of clinical care by promoting multidisciplinary diagnostic, treatment and prevention services; by demonstrating and evaluating new clinical management techniques; and by fostering the rapid clinical application of demonstrably useful methods of cancer management.

5. Oncology teaching programs in pre- and postdoctoral fields and in the allied health professions will be strengthened, and new ones encouraged, to train the professional and technical personnel necessary to attack the cancer problem nationally.

6. Cancer Center shared resources for member investigators will be strengthened, while new shared resources will be instituted as needed (see Shared Resources section).

7. The Cancer Center will contribute to strengthening areas in cancer research and clinical service at UCLA that now require greater depth or breadth. In particular, the Center will strive to develop oncology programs by fostering new appointments of high quality and by providing space, developmental and/or shared resource support where required.

8. The Cancer Center operates multidisciplinary cancer research facilities in the Louis Factor Health Sciences Building. Partial centralization of cancer-related activities at UCLA: 1) contributes to increased efficiency in the use of facilities; 2) improves communication among investigators in many fields; 3) facilitates common utilization of shared resources; and 4) contributes to improved multidisciplinary cancer patient care within the Cancer Center.

9. Active participation is encouraged in UCLA Cancer Center programs by practicing health professionals in Los Angeles and throughout the metropolitan region. This is the basis for developing a coordinated community cancer control program in cooperation with other agencies and medical centers serving the area.

Application Procedures

1. Please carefully review these Membership Guidelines and Cancer Center Objectives. Additional information may be obtained, if required, by calling 310/825-5268 or by writing to the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center Administrative Office, 8-684 Louis Factor Health Sciences Building, Box 951781, Los Angeles, California 90095-1781 (campus: 8-684 Factor, 178121).

2. Complete the membership application form and all required attachments. (Incomplete applications will be returned for completion before review).

   Applications for membership must be submitted both electronically and via hard copy. Electronic submissions should be sent to Emma Ashley (EAshley@mednet.ucla.edu); paper applications should be delivered directly to the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, Factor Building, Room 8-684, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1781 (campus mail code: 178121)

3. Each application will be reviewed by the respective research program director(s) and approved by the Cancer Center leadership.