The Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center at Columbia University

Membership Application

Membership in the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center (HICCC) is available to Columbia University faculty (Assistant, Associate, or Professor level) with interests in cancer, cancer-related research, clinical trials and training, and who meet the criteria outlined below. Applications for membership are subject to the approval of the HICCC Membership Committee and Senior Leadership Team.

There are three categories of membership, each associated with different criteria:

Member

Any one of the following satisfies the eligibility requirement for a Member:

1. Faculty with a demonstrated commitment to cancer research, as evidenced by current cancer research grants from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) or an NCI-approved peer-review agency or organization (listed on page 2).
2. Faculty with a developing interest in cancer research, as demonstrated by submission of a NCI grant application within the last three years (whether funded or not). Faculty who apply for membership on this basis should include the cover page of the Summary Statement from the NCI Scientific Review Group (i.e., the "pink sheet") with their HICCC membership application.
3. Newly recruited faculty in cancer research applying for independent funding within three years of recruitment.
4. Faculty who hold a HICCC leadership position (research programs, committees or shared resources).

Clinical Member

Any one of the following satisfies the eligibility requirement for a Clinical Member:

5. Faculty clinicians who enrich the overall interdisciplinary research environment of the HICCC through an active role in cancer clinical trials and/or accrue patients to cancer clinical trials.
6. Faculty who conducts clinical research as a leader of clinical trials, or serves as committee chair on NCI-sponsored clinical research committees.

Associate Member

Associate members are faculty with expertise to enrich the overall interdisciplinary research environment of the HICCC, but who do not qualify as a research or clinical member. A candidate for Associate membership usually meets one of the following eligibility criteria:

7. Faculty from a non-Columbia University-affiliated organization who otherwise meets membership criteria, and is engaged in collaborative research with a member(s) of the HICCC, the nature of such collaboration supporting the goals of the HICCC.
8. An independent researcher in a field(s) not represented by traditional academic departments at Columbia University (e.g., nursing, oncology social work) whose efforts are deemed important or essential to the goals of the HICCC.

Responsibilities of Membership

Membership will be reviewed and renewed annually, based on the membership criteria.

Members are expected to contribute to the Cancer Center through support of and participation in HICCC activities, and to

- Demonstrate collaboration and interaction with other HICCC members.
- Support the Cancer Center's mission, goals and priorities.
- Provide the Cancer Center with an annual summary of research activities and an updated NIH biosketch.

Privileges of Membership

- Use of HICCC Shared Resources (subsidized rates available to Members).
- Eligible to apply for targeted HICCC funding and developmental funds.
- Participate in HICCC-sponsored seminars, special events and retreats.

National Cancer Institute-approved peer-reviewed agencies and organizations:

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	Department of Energy
American Cancer Society: national office only	EPA
American Federation for Aging Research	FDA
American Foundation for AIDS Research (AFAR)	Howard Hughes Medical Institute
American Institute for Cancer Research	Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
Cancer Research Foundation of America	Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation
Centers for Disease Control (CDC)	National Institutes of Health
Central Office of Veterans Administration excluding local/regional awards and block grants	National Science Foundation
Department of Agriculture	Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
Department of Defense	U of California-Wide Breast Cancer Research Program

If you are interested in applying for Cancer Center membership please complete and return the application form together with an NIH biosketch, a CV and other support document to Sadie Maloof, Irving Cancer Research Center, 1130 St Nicholas Ave, 2nd floor, room 201 or fax the completed application to (212) 851-4660.

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Part 1

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Name: _____

Academic Title(s): _____

Department/Division: _____

CUMC Address: _____

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Telephone #: _____Fax #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

The HICCC currently sponsors 8 major Programs of cancer research, including two Basic Science Programs (Cancer Genetics and Epigenetics; Cancer Regulatory Networks), four Disease-based Programs (Breast Cancer; Lymphoid Development & Malignancy; Neuro-Oncology; Prostate Cancer) and two Population Science Programs (Cancer Epidemiology; Prevention, Control and Disparities).

Members are invited to participate in the activities of an appropriate HICCC Program or to join the Cancer Center as an unaligned member. Please indicate your preference below (select one):

_____ Cancer Genetics and Epigenetics

_____ Cancer Regulatory Networks

_____ Breast Cancer

_____ Lymphoid Development & Malignancy

_____ Neuro-Oncology

_____ Prostate Cancer

_____ Cancer Epidemiology

_____ Prevention, Control and Disparities

_____ unaligned member

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Part 2

Please document the contribution of your work to HICCC goals by specifically addressing one or more of the eight membership criteria listed on page 1.

Signature _____ Date _____