

OVERVIEW

The University of Kansas Cancer Center (KUCC) advances basic, translational, and clinical cancer research, clinical trials, education, and outreach activities associated with the University of Kansas and its Medical Center. The Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute (KMCRI) is the research arm of the KUCC and coordinates the cancer research programs, shared resources, grant funding and pilot projects, summer research training program, the post-doctoral program, the Protocol Research & Monitoring Committee (PRMC), and the Data Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB). Cancer researchers and clinicians associated with the University of Kansas, its Medical Center, and affiliated organizations are eligible to be considered for membership in the University of Kansas Cancer Center. All areas of cancer research are encouraged including basic, translational, and clinical research, pharmaceutical sciences, population sciences, and behavior and psychosocial science.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CANCER CENTER MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

The following membership categories and requirements were developed under the guidance of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to ensure that the University of Kansas Cancer Center meets the requirements of the NCI Cancer Center Support Grant.

- **Member:**
 - Researchers and clinicians with faculty appointments at one of the University of Kansas campuses and actively involved in cancer-related basic, translational, and/or clinical research as evidenced by being an investigator on peer-reviewed cancer-related grants or contracts within the last three years or a principal investigator of peer-reviewed investigator-initiated cancer-related clinical trials within the last three years; and the primary or secondary author of peer-reviewed cancer-related publications within the last three years.
 - Researchers and clinicians with faculty appointments at one of the University of Kansas campuses who are engaged in cancer-focused research and clinical practice as evidenced by publications and/or grants, but do not have peer-reviewed cancer-related funding within the last three years.
 - Researchers and clinicians associated with institutions outside of the KU system and hold an adjunct or volunteer faculty position at the University of Kansas or its Medical Center and who demonstrate a commitment to cancer research and/or clinical activities and the research, education and patient care mission of the University of Kansas Cancer Center.
- **Key Collaborator:** Researchers and clinicians associated with one of the University of Kansas campuses who are interested in developing and contributing to cancer-related research/clinical trial projects in collaboration with Members, but do not currently meet the membership requirements. Faculty appointments are not required for Key Collaborators.

FY 2009 APPLICATION

Applications are being accepted from **July 1-31, 2008** for the FY 09 membership year. Please submit the following by **email** to the University of Kansas Cancer Center at **cancer@kumc.edu**.

New Members: Please submit a brief application form, updated curriculum vitae, and updated NIH-style biographical sketch.

Renewing Members: Please submit an updated curriculum vitae and NIH-style biographical sketch.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The University of Kansas Cancer Center provides members with a number of centralized resources to support collaborative research and clinical trials. All members may access the following resources:

- **Shared Resources** — Biospecimen, Biostatistics/Informatics, Clinical Trials, Drug Discovery & Development, High Throughput Screening; and Flow Cytometry. *Contact Teresa Christenson at tchristenson@kumc.edu; 913-588-2577 for a full listing and discount arrangements.*
- **Pilot Project Funding**— Competition for pilot funding for cancer-related research projects. [Key Collaborators may submit pilot project applications when they exhibit clear evidence of collaboration with a Member]. *Contact Susan Harp at sharp@kumc.edu; 913-588-4786.*
- **Clinical Trials Office** — Support for developing and managing clinical trials. *Contact Holly Smith at hsmith@kumc.edu; 913-588-4709.*
- **Cancer Center Seminars and Symposiums** — Cancer Center sponsored programs throughout the year.
- **Research Programs** — Cancer Center Members are assigned to one of the five research programs: Cancer Control & Population Health; Cancer Prevention & Survivorship; Drug Discovery & Experimental Therapeutics; Metabolic & Inflammatory Risk Factors; and Transcriptional & Chromosomal Regulation.
- **Disease Working Groups** — Cancer Center Members may participate in any of the seven groups: Brain; Breast; Gastrointestinal; Genitourinary; Head & Neck; Lung and Hematologica Malignancies. *Contact Holly Smith at hsmith@kumc.edu; 913-588-4709.*
- **Research Proposal Administrative Support** — A centralized administrative research proposal resource is provided to help Cancer Center members with proposal development for cancer-related funding. *Contact Susan Harp at sharp@kumc.edu; 913-588-4786.*

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW PROCESS

The Membership Committee reviews all applications and makes recommendations to Director Roy Jensen, M.D., on the appropriate membership category and research program placement for all new and renewing Cancer Center members. William Jewel, M.D., Matt Mayo, Ph.D., Kathy Roby, Ph.D., and the Program Co-leaders serve on the Membership Committee.

Applicants will be notified of their membership appointment by the end of August. The Membership Committee and Director reserve the right to reassign the membership category and program assignment for renewing members based on current criteria provided by the National Cancer Institute and member information. The KUCC may offer additional application submission and membership review opportunities during the membership year as needed.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Cancer Center members are expected to actively participate in the research and/or clinical trials programs, serve on Cancer Center committees, attend Cancer Center-sponsored meetings and seminars, and cite their Cancer Center affiliation on grants, publications, presentations, etc. Participation is broadly defined, but ideally includes developing new collaborative cancer-related research projects with other Cancer Center members. Members must submit all clinical cancer studies to the KMCRI's Protocol Review and Monitoring Committee for scientific review. Members conducting clinical trials are encouraged to utilize the resources of the Clinical Trials Office. Members are requested to provide information on clinical trials, research support, publications, etc. as required by the NCI's Cancer Center Support Grant. The Director reserves the right to revoke membership status if it is deemed that a member is not actively contributing to the cancer focus of the Center.