Mission: To decrease the burden of cancer and inequities associated with cancer by facilitating the training of a diverse cohort of cancer researchers and care providers across the training continuum.

We support roughly 1,400 active DCI-affiliated trainees from middle school students in the Durham community through junior faculty.

CRTEC KEY OFFERINGS

Internal Grant Review ([https://bit.ly/CRTEC-IGR](https://bit.ly/CRTEC-IGR)) – an NIH-style mock study section 3 times per year roughly 1.5 months ahead of the major NIH grant deadlines. Priority given to trainees and first time grant writers. Two faculty and one trainee serve as reviewers to provide feedback on the grant.


Education and Training Newsletter – a quarterly newsletter advertising upcoming events, funding opportunities, announcements, trainee accomplishments (e.g., awards, publications, grants) and more.


CRTEC Cancer Journal Club – the Cancer Journal club is held 3-4 times per year with the goal of fostering learning about cutting edge science and promoting community among trainees. Refreshments are provided.


The Protocol Review Mentorship Program is for fellows (medical, radiation surgical or pathology), residents or non-physician trainees who will be conducting clinical research with cancer patients. The program gives researchers in depth experience in protocol review and oversight ([colleen.traverse@duke.edu](mailto:colleen.traverse@duke.edu)).

WHO IS A DCI TRAINEE?

All trainees working with faculty affiliated with the DCI are considered DCI-trainee members.

Email [DCITraining@dm.duke.edu](mailto:DCITraining@dm.duke.edu) if you are new to the DCI. We will provide you with relevant training and education resources including onboarding and add you to our listserv.
FEATURED RESOURCES

The Office of Postdoctoral Services (OPS) (https://postdoc.duke.edu) is the central resource for postdoctoral appointees on campus, and serves as a liaison between postdocs, faculty, administrators, and staff. The OPS promotes postdoctoral training at Duke and prepares Duke postdocs for successful careers both within and beyond academia.

The Office of Biomedical Graduate Education (https://bit.ly/OBGECareerDevelopment) partners with The Career Center and The Graduate School to provide career services and programming designed to meet the unique needs of biomedical PhD students: individual and group career counseling services, career exploration, strengths assessments, professional skills development workshops, networking and mentorship opportunities, student group support and advising.

The mission of Duke Community Pantry (https://bit.ly/DukeCommunityPantry) is to combat food insecurity amongst graduate and professional students. The pantry provides in-person shopping, prepared meals and gift cards to help defer the cost of food. You can also volunteer your time or donate items.


Did you know the NIH has Diversity Supplement Grants to support individuals from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds in STEM? Check it out to see if you’re eligible (https://bit.ly/DS-NIH).

The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (https://www.lrp.nih.gov) are a set of programs designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals into biomedical or biobehavioral research careers. These grants pay up to $50,000 annually of a researcher’s qualified educational debt in return for a commitment to engage in NIH-mission relevant research.

UPCOMING CRTEC PROGRAMS

Diversity Supplement Matchmaking – an online event designed to pair Duke faculty with eligible Duke and non-Duke trainees to submit NIH diversity supplements to fund trainees in faculty labs. Planning for Fall 2023.

Invited Postdoc Research Symposium – an in-person event to invite highly qualified trainees looking to work with Duke faculty on cancer-related research. Planning for Spring 2024.

Research Logix – an online tool meant to aid DCI in the annual census of all DCI-affiliated trainees, as mandated by the NCI. This software will streamline the current process and allow us to track more meaningful metrics related to Duke trainees.

SHARE WITH US

We are looking to expand our offerings! Scan to take a 2-minute survey and tell us what new services you are most interested in. Or go to: https://bit.ly/CRTECSurvey.

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