Announcement
Stanford Cancer Institute's mission is to translate Stanford discoveries into personalized cancer identification, prevention, and coordinated care. In keeping with its core mission, SCI offers funding to fellows of the Stanford University community.

We are seeking to increase the number of clinical, laboratory, and population researchers, who are carrying out cancer research with applicability to the basic biology, prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of cancer or to the quality of life of cancer patients, and to enable trainees to complete research training while applying for extramural support.

Size of The Award
Award funding is to provide salary and fringe benefits support to individuals who are highly motivated to pursue a career in cancer research, and to facilitate the transistor of such individuals to faculty positions.

Eligibility
The RFA is open to individuals who have completed their clinical or post-doctoral training and are pursuing clinical, laboratory, or population-based research projects with direct cancer relevance at Stanford. Such individuals would ordinarily be in the final year of their residency (radiation oncology), completing a post-doctoral fellowship (PhD), or at the completion of a 2-3 year clinical fellowship experience.

Applications
Applications are due on Monday, November 2, 2015. Applications should include the following:

1. Cover letter from the applicant stating career goals.
   - One sided
   - Arial 11-pitch font
   - 1/2-inch margins all around
   - Single spaced
2. Curriculum vitae (CV) from applicant
3. Letter of support stating applicants’ qualifications and promise for an academic career.
4. Letter of support from a faculty member who has worked with the applicant, but is not directly involved in the research project.

Formatting requirements: Single sided, 11 pt. font (Times, Arial, or Helvetica), and ½” margins: top, bottom, left, and right.
Positive Criteria
The most important criterion for the fellowship awards is that applicants must

• Have clear evidence of intent to pursue an academic career, (prior research experience is a plus).
• A commitment that the applicant has, or will apply during the 2016 academic year for outside support from foundations, the NIH, or other sources. If outside support is obtained for the 2016 academic year, and after the application is submitted and approved, it will be used to offset the funds awarded by the Cancer Institute.

Monitoring
SCI staff will track accomplishments of awardees, to justify the ongoing funding of the program.

• Awardees will be required to provide written progress reports every 6 months after project award, with a final progress report due 30 days after funding has ended.
• Projects are for a maximum of 1 year.
• Awardees may be requested to present a poster at an upcoming annual SCI member retreat.

Timetable

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<td><strong>Applications due</strong></td>
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Funding
Awards provide salary and fringe benefits support. The number of awards will depend upon the quality of the applications received.

Award funding is for a maximum of one year, and will be awarded on a competitive basis. Unused funds will revert back to the Stanford Cancer Institute at the end of the funding period. All proposed expenses must conform to the general policies of the University and the Stanford Cancer Institute.

Proposal Submission
Proposals are due November 2, 2015 (by 3PM). Email the complete application in a single.pdf to the Stanford Cancer Institute Awards mailbox at: SCI_Awards@stanford.edu.

Review And Criteria
A committee comprised of Cancer Institute senior faculty leaders and members will review applications and make recommendations for award funding.
Progress Report and Presentation
Progress reports are due every six months after award funding, or earlier if the recipient of the award is leaving the University. You may also be requested to present at an upcoming Cancer Institute Members’ Retreat. Future funding eligibility will be based on the completion of deliverables.

Acknowledgement of Research Support
Awardees must acknowledge the research support of the Stanford Cancer Institute in all communications – including publications, presentations, newsletters and abstracts. Suggested boilerplate text is – “This work was conducted with support from a Stanford Cancer Institute 2016 Fellowship Award grant.”