Professors Lisa Coussens and Dan Zuckerman invite applications from OHSU PhD students for support within the T32 award from the National Cancer Institute, “Integrated Training in Quantitative and Experimental Cancer Systems Biology.” We seek to train the next generation of cancer scientists, whether from wet-lab or quantitative backgrounds, through interdisciplinary wet/dry lab training in quantitative and experimental cancer systems biology. A fellowship of one year, with a possible one-year extension, will be awarded to a graduate student based on an application process requiring a brief statement and research outline from the prospective trainee and letters of support. Fellowships are anticipated to start February of 2023.

Co-mentorship is the keystone of this program: one wet-lab PI and one computational PI should be proposed as co-mentors. Ideally, candidates are already working in either a wet-lab or computational biology lab, and at least one of the two mentors is from the established list of training grant faculty [A Agarwal, S Anand, K Beatty, J Brody, L Carbone, YH Chang, LM Coussens, M Dai, B Druker, C Galbraith, J Galbraith, S Gibbs, J Goecks, A Guimaraes, L Heiser, M Hinds, J Korkola, M Kulesz-Martin, S Malhotra, D Marks, J Maxson, G Mills, A Moran, J Nan, E Neuwelt, N Oshimori, F Pucci, D Qian, M Ruhland, P Schedin, C Schultz, R Sears, L Sherman, M Sherman, P Spellman, M Thayer, R Thompson, JW Tyner, J Walker, M Wong, S Wong, G Wu, Z Xia, X Xiao, DM Zuckerman].

Applicants from under-represented groups (see updated NIH definition, https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-031.html) are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Applications will be evaluated by a committee of faculty from across the cancer systems biology spectrum.

Application and fellowship requirements

- Graduate student applicants must have passed their programs qualifying examination.
- The applicant shall provide an NIH style biosketch and a brief research and training plan of no more than two pages including references describing (i) their proposed research in quantitative and experimental cancer systems biology, and (ii) their wet (experimental)-dry (quantitative) training plans and how their research will uniquely benefit from each proposed co-mentor. Research plans should address the availability of data for analysis and provide a timeline for data collection and analysis.
- Each proposed mentor must provide their NIH biosketch, NIH-style other support document, a letter of support describing the applicant, the plan for co-mentorship, and the collaborative experience pertinent to the plan.
- Awardees will be required to participate in additional professional and technical training activities over and above those required by degree or postdoctoral programs. Primarily, this consists of a two-hour session every other week.
- Mentors will be required to (i) complete mentorship training activities (e.g. Mentoring Academy offered by the School of Medicine), which will include a module on culturally aware mentoring training (ii) present a one-hour classroom lecture to trainees.
- Submit application materials in ONE PDF DOCUMENT to Parker Mattson (coussensadmin@ohsu.edu) by Friday, November 4, 2022.