In an effort to increase the number of minority investigators in clinical research, the Center for Drug Development and Clinical Trials at Roswell Park Cancer Institute will conduct a training program specifically tailored to minority physicians, with support from Eli Lilly and Company.

This program is a clinical research workshop for minority physicians across the United States. Participants will learn the fundamentals of cancer research and how to develop clinical research protocols.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Minority physicians in medical, hematologic, radiation, pediatric, surgical and gynecologic oncology. Physicians should be fellows or faculty in the first 5 years of their academic appointments or in private practice with a track record of significant cancer clinical trial activity.

A scientific committee will accept and review applications based on the criteria outlined below.

- Quality of the proposed research protocol (innovation, relevance, feasibility and applicability).
- Level of commitment by the applicant and the sponsor (Program Supervisor or Department Head).

Submitted documents will be evaluated for the information supplied about the candidate, the assurances provided about the participation of the candidate, and the support for the proposed research project from the home institute.

Due to limited space, a total of 20 participants will be selected on a competitive basis by evaluation of submitted concepts and other supporting documents. Applicants not selected are encouraged to re-apply next year.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Workshop Dates: March 17-19, 2016

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Enhancing clinical research in minority and underserved populations through development of a cadre of well-trained minority investigators.
- Educating participants about the principles of good clinical trial design and providing the necessary tools required to conduct trials that are relevant to minorities and under-represented populations.
- Guiding participants to identify various challenges of clinical research, particularly in minority and underserved populations, and providing advice and education on how to overcome these challenges.
- Providing ongoing mentorship to young minority investigators through career-long relationships with workshop faculty.
- Reducing cancer health disparities through increased clinical research targeting minority and underserved populations.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

DEADLINE: December 31, 2015

CURRICULUM VITAE:
A focused personal curriculum vitae (no more than 700 words). Please include educational qualifications and the institution where they were acquired and list any publications in a peer-reviewed scientific journal on which you appeared as an author.

CLINICAL TRIAL CONCEPT OUTLINE:
An outline of the clinical research protocol you intend to develop during the Workshop. The outline should consist of the following headings and word limits:

- Title (30 words or less)
- Background (including topic of investigation, proposed intervention and rationale for trial) (300 words or less)
- Study design and target population (300 words or less)
- Outcomes (including primary and secondary outcomes used to evaluate intervention) (300 words or less)
- Feasibility (including number of patients, site and length of trial) (300 words or less)

LETTER OF COMMITMENT:
A statement (no more than 300 words) explaining why you wish to participate in this workshop. Be sure that your statement provides the following information:

- Your area of training and date of completed training (if applicable).
- Your research background.
- Why this workshop will assist in designing and conducting of the trial outlined in your protocol.
- Your research goals for the next five years.
- A commitment to participate in the long-term evaluation process of this Workshop by responding to questionnaires when requested.
- A commitment to make all reasonable efforts to conduct the study developed during the workshop.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT:
A statement in support of your application for this Workshop Program by your Supervisor or Department Head.

- Capacity and length of relationship with the applicant.
- Assessment of the applicant’s performance.
- A commitment to enable the candidate to conduct the clinical trial protocol developed at the workshop (if possible) including confirmation of the feasibility of the trial to be conducted in the existing department.