



# Palliative Care Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship Programs

Specialized research training programs throughout the US focus on preparing potential candidates in careers in Palliative Care Research. These nationally known programs are currently available and accepting applications for fellowship trainees.

Fellows participate in research and research training as well as receive mentorship to advance their program of research. Training programs will be individualized for each participant and focus on the participant's research interests.

Training programs include:

- Mentorship with Experienced Investigators
- Interdisciplinary Research Training & Experience
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Research Seminars, Journal Clubs and Works in Progress Sessions

Each training program offers trainees the opportunities to participate in active faculty research with internationally known researchers.

**Harvard Medical School**

**University of Colorado  
School of Medicine**

**University of Washington  
School of Medicine**

**University of Pittsburgh  
School of Medicine**

**Duke University Center  
for Palliative Care**

**University of California  
San Francisco**

**University of Utah**

**University of Alabama  
at Birmingham**

**Mount Sinai  
Icahn School of Medicine**

**UAB THE UNIVERSITY OF  
ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM**



**CU** Division of General Internal Medicine  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS



**Icahn  
School of  
Medicine at  
Mount  
Sinai**



**Dana-Farber  
Cancer Institute**



**DukeHealth**



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**Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Research Fellowship in Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care** seeks physicians, psychologists, doctorally-prepared nurses, social workers, and other clinicians who wish to prepare themselves for an academic research career in palliative care or psychosocial oncology. Fellows complete an original research project under the guidance of a Harvard Medical School faculty mentor, create a tailored curriculum in research methods, attend weekly fellowship seminars and works-in-progress, and become part of a rich and diverse psychosocial oncology and palliative care research community. Interested applicants should contact Dr. James Tulsy at: [jamesa\\_tulsy@dfci.harvard.edu](mailto:jamesa_tulsy@dfci.harvard.edu), or visit [www.dana-farber.org/fellowships](http://www.dana-farber.org/fellowships).

**University of Colorado Palliative Care and Aging Post-Doctoral Research Training** announces openings for palliative care post-doctoral research fellows from any relevant discipline. Fellowships will be 1-2 years in duration, supported by a Ruth Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) T32 from the National Institute on Aging (NIA). The goal of this T32 is to prepare postdoctoral fellows for careers as researchers at the intersection of aging and palliative care. This Program builds on the significant palliative care expertise and research opportunities within the University of Colorado, providing mentorship and support for pursuing an individualized program of research and career development. [Please visit our website for details](#). Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Jean Kutner ([Jean.Kutner@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:Jean.Kutner@cuanschutz.edu) or 720.848.5130). For general information, contact Agata Hardin ([agata.hardin@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:agata.hardin@cuanschutz.edu) or 303.724.2261).

**University of Washington Cambia Palliative Care Center of Excellence, Palliative Care Research Fellowship** announces openings for a Palliative Care Research Fellowship Program funded by a T32 Training Grant Award from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Post-Doctoral Fellowships will be 1-3 years in duration. Applications are being accepted now. Fellows participate in active faculty research and receive mentorship to advance their own program of research. Training programs will be individualized for each participant and focus on the participant's research. Participants become members of the community of scholars at the University of Washington and are provided with the full array of resources available within the UW Health Sciences Schools and the UW Medicine system. For more information including application instructions, [visit our website](#).

**University of Pittsburgh Post-Doctoral Research Opportunities in Palliative Care** announces openings for palliative care post-doctoral research fellows. Fellowships will be 1-2 years in duration, supported by either a TL1 training grant through the University of Pittsburgh's Clinical and Translational Science Institute, a T32 training grant through HRSA, or a 2-year Special Fellowship Program in Advanced Geriatrics with a focus on Geriatric Palliative Care through the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh in collaboration with the Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. Fellows will benefit from being at an institution with well-established palliative care and research training programs, as well as a strong mentorship culture. They may choose to pursue a Master's of Science in Clinical Research in addition to participating in post-doctoral training seminars. Key areas of scholarship include primary and specialty palliative care interventions, communication, decision-making, behavioral treatment of symptoms, and non-malignant palliative care. Fellows must have a PhD, MD, or other clinical doctorate. Interested applicants should contact Dr. Yael Schenker at [yas28@pitt.edu](mailto:yas28@pitt.edu).

**Duke University Postdoctoral Fellowship in Integrated Palliative Care** matches exceptional candidates with post-doctoral funding sources in the Duke Schools of Medicine and Nursing, as well as the Durham VAMC Health Services Research program. Fellows join a vibrant academic community on the compact Duke University campus, where academic initiatives are closely tied to clinical care and health system initiatives. The Duke Center offers opportunities for researchers with interests in aging, oncology, and health services research, with a special emphasis on population-based approaches to palliative care. In addition to support provided by each fellowship, the Duke Center for Palliative Care supplements funding for research and travel, and provides a rich source of clinical connections, mentors, and conferences. Interested candidates should send a CV and inquiry email to Dr. Karen Steinhauser, Associate Chief for Research at [karen.steinhauser@duke.edu](mailto:karen.steinhauser@duke.edu).

**University of California San Francisco Division of Geriatrics Palliative Care Fellowship** offers two fellowships with up to 10 spots that provide training opportunities for fellowship candidates interested in palliative care research. The first, an NIA-funded T32, recruits physicians and PhDs interested in research at the aging and palliative care interface. Prior T32 fellows include Rebecca Sudore, MD, Brie Williams, MD, and Krista Harrison, PhD. The VA Quality Scholars program at the San Francisco VA provides training in both research methods and quality improvement, and targets physicians, nurses, and psychologists. Prior fellows include Mike Steinman, MD, Laura Petrillo, MD and Rafael Romo, RN, PhD. Fellows in the T32 and VA Quality Scholars share coursework, small group sessions, and office space to create a community of fellows. [Please visit our website for more information](#).

**University of Utah Pre and Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Cancer, Caregiving and EOL Care** offers two pre and two post-doctoral fellowships on an annual basis. Fellowships are typically 2 years in duration and supported by a T32 from the National Institute on Nursing (NINR). This T32 immerses and engages trainees in state of the science knowledge, cutting edge research designs and innovative thinking that address key questions in cancer, caregiving, and end-of-life care research. Fellows work with a collaborative community of nationally recognized faculty who have synergy and interdisciplinary research collaborations. Each fellow's training program is individualized for developing their own program of research. [Please visit our website for details](#). Feel free to contact Dr. Lee Ellington at [lee.ellington@nurs.utah.edu](mailto:lee.ellington@nurs.utah.edu).

**University of Alabama at Birmingham UAB Cancer Prevention and Control Training Program (CPCTP):** The purpose of the program is to train individuals who are committed to becoming independent researchers in the areas of cancer prevention (including epidemiology, chemoprevention and behavioral science), cancer early detection, cancer outcomes, survivorship and palliative care. The CPCTP has charted a 30- year history of training cancer prevention and control researchers of the future, and has been supported by the National Cancer Institute for over three decades (transitioning from an R25 to a T32 [CA047888]). Over the years, we have trained 154 pre- and post-doctoral fellows, ninety percent of whom are pursuing careers in cancer research. We are committed to providing solid, interdisciplinary training to all our trainees. CPCTP trainees undertake a specialized curriculum that is tailored to their disciplinary and research interests, and conduct research related to cancer prevention and control. Our program includes didactic seminars, skills training and strong team-based mentorship with renowned investigators across the Schools of Health Professions, Nursing, Public Health, Medicine and the College of Arts and Sciences. To apply and for more information go to: [www.uab.edu/cpctp/](http://www.uab.edu/cpctp/)

**Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Research Fellowship on Older Adults with Dementia and other Vulnerable Populations:** The Departments of Medicine and Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai offer a postdoctoral research fellowship focused on persons with Alzheimer's Disease and other vulnerable older adult populations, including those with frailty or physical impairment and multimorbidity, and those subject to disparities in care or health outcomes. This multi-disciplinary training program welcomes clinician and non-clinician scientists from diverse fields, including but not limited to medicine, surgery, nursing, psychology and psychiatry, and neurology. Fellows conduct mentored research and may take courses leading to a Master of Science in Clinical Research degree through a tailored and integrated curriculum. The two year training program is funded by an institutional T32 training grant from the National Institute on Aging. For details, please visit our [website](#).