



CASE WESTERN RESERVE  
UNIVERSITY  
Case Comprehensive  
Cancer Center

# MEMBER ENGAGEMENT PACKET



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# Welcome

Over the past 40 years, the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center has successfully charted the course for cancer research in northeast Ohio by engaging the strengths of our consortium partners—Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Clinic, and University Hospitals. But the burden of the disease we study and treat keeps us continually striving to reach our destination—a cure.

It is our goal to continue to foster high-impact cancer research to improve lives across our communities through cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, cure, and survivorship.

At the heart of this, of course, are our members. We can make a much bigger impact on disease and the people it affects by working together, which is one reason we cultivate the diversity of full, associate, clinical, and trainee members.

We invite you to join us in our mission to conquer cancer together.

Sincerely,

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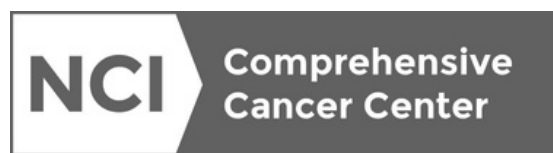
**Gary Schwartz, MD**  
Director, Case CCC



# About Us

**The Case Comprehensive Cancer Center (Case CCC)** based at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) is a partnership organization supporting cancer-related research efforts at CWRU, University Hospitals (UH), and Cleveland Clinic. Located in Cleveland, Ohio, we serve the cancer research and clinical needs of an urban manufacturing and rural agricultural region containing over 4 million people in northern Ohio.

Case CCC provides a unique forum and academic network for cancer researchers across our community to accomplish more than they may individually. Through the Case CCC, our medical institutions are linked in a stronger and more unified effort to understand the causes and progression of cancer and to use that understanding to develop treatments and reduce the likelihood that our population will develop cancer and suffer from its consequences. We advocate for cancer research support across the institutions; provide funding for promising pilot grants, shared resource development, training programs, and recruitment; and catalyze multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary cancer research across institutions, emphasizing innovative discovery that will have an impact on cancer patients.



A Cancer Center Designated by the  
National Cancer Institute

Case CCC is one of only 56 Comprehensive Cancer Centers designated by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). As an NCI-designated cancer center, we compete for a Cancer Center Support Grant from the National Institutes of Health. We are recognized for demonstrating a depth and breadth of research in all three areas of basic, clinical, and population science. We also provide information, education, and outreach to the public.

# Become a Member!

Your membership provides you with opportunities to engage experts, collaborate with colleagues, find funding, advance your research, and even earn continuing medical education credits. We welcome applications from individuals affiliated with CWRU, UH, and Cleveland Clinic who have cancer-related research interests. There is no financial commitment to become a Case CCC member.

Apply for membership at [case.edu/cancer/members/become-member](https://case.edu/cancer/members/become-member).

## Membership Privileges

- Use of shared resources ([case.edu/cancer/research/shared-resources](https://case.edu/cancer/research/shared-resources))
- Access to targeted funding opportunities
- Eligibility to apply for developmental funds
- Eligibility to apply for interim research support
- Eligibility to apply for limited submission competitions
- Eligibility to participate in planning for program development
- Eligibility to participate in Case CCC-sponsored special events and retreats

## Membership Renewal

To maintain membership, you can participate in and/or contribute to a Case CCC scientific program and provide an annually updated NIH Biosketch and other supporting documents. Case CCC reviews memberships based on membership criteria. Associate members are reviewed tri-annually unless the criteria for full membership is met earlier.





# Membership Categories



## Full Member

An independent faculty member with cancer-related research interests and a full-time appointment in a department at CWRU who meets **at least one** of these criteria:

- Has independent peer-reviewed funding as PI or co-PI for cancer-related research
- Heads an IIT as PI or co-PI
- Leads a shared resource or has other leadership roles at Case CCC
- Shows continuous scholarly productivity in cancer-relevant publications and/or by leading externally funded cancer research projects

Full members are eligible for secondary appointment in the Division of General Medical Sciences-Oncology, CWRU School of Medicine.



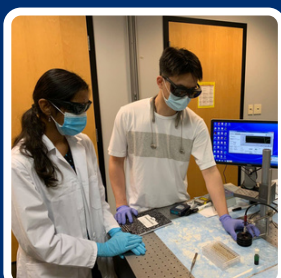
## Associate Member

An independent faculty member with cancer-related research interests and a full-time appointment in a department at CWRU, including early-career faculty, who is eligible to apply for national peer-reviewed grants but is not PI or co-PI on any externally funded cancer-related research projects.



## Clinical Member

An independent faculty member with cancer-related research interests and a full-time appointment in a department at CWRU who enrolls patients in clinical trials and participates in Clinical Trials Disease Teams but is not a PI of an IIT.



## Trainee Associate Member

Students (graduate or medical), postdocs, residents, and fellows affiliated with CWRU, UH, or Cleveland Clinic who conduct cancer-focused research and/or are engaged in oncology-related clinical training. Trainee Associate Members are **not** independent faculty with their own research support.

# Research Programs

Case CCC is organized into six interdisciplinary scientific programs that together include over 400 members across our consortium institutions.

Program members work collaboratively within and across programs on a broad range of cancer-related topics. Each program leader strives to embrace these collaborations and advance research discoveries across our center.

## Cancer Genomics and Epigenomics

**Program Leaders:** Zhenghe John Wang, PhD and Fulai Jin, PhD



## Molecular Oncology

**Program Leaders:** Justin Lathia, PhD and Quintin Pan, PhD



## Immune Oncology

**Program Leaders:** Timothy Chan, MD, PhD, Alex Huang, MD, PhD, and David Wald, MD, PhD



## Developmental Therapeutics

**Program Leaders:** John Letterio, MD, Jordan Winter, MD, and Jennifer Yu, MD, PhD



## Cancer Imaging

**Program Leaders:** James Basilion, PhD, Zhenghong Lee, PhD and Agata Exner, PhD



## Population and Cancer Prevention

**Program Leaders:** Gregory Cooper, MD, Stephanie Schmit, PhD, MPH, and Fredrick Schumacher, PhD, MPH



# Funding Opportunities

## Full, Clinical, & Associate Members

### Early Phase Clinical Research Support

**Deadline:** Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis subject to fund availability

Case CCC encourages investigators to submit Letters of Intent (LOI) for Early Phase Clinical Research Support (EPCRS) funding. These in-house funds are available for the conduct of early-phase clinical trials of relatively short duration.

### Just in Time (JIT) Award

**Available Award:** \$25,000 for one year

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted and awarded on a rolling basis

Case CCC provides funding to support the resubmission and/or competitive renewal efforts of strong grant applications that narrowly missed the payline at national funding agencies.

### Opportunities for Pilot Projects to Support Multi-Investigator Grants

**Available Award:** Up to \$150,000

**Deadline:** Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis

Case CCC provides support to research teams that plan to submit large multi-investigator grant applications (usually non-R support mechanisms).

## Trainee Members

### Trainee Dream Experiment Award

**Available Award:** \$10,000 for basic/population research | \$10,000 for clinical research | \$25,000 for multi-PI translational research

The Dream Experiment Award funds innovative, high-risk/high-reward research addressing an important problem in cancer and creating new avenues of research and career development for the trainee.

### Travel Awards for Trainees

**Available Award:** \$500 once per year

**Deadlines:** Jan. 1, April 1, July 1, Oct. 1

The Office of Cancer Training and Education at Case CCC provides funds to help offset the cost of travel for trainees to present their research at national meetings.

# Events

## Seminar Series

Case CCC's interdisciplinary seminar series addresses cutting-edge clinical, translational, and basic research topics in cancer and is a focal point of the educational and inter-programmatic activities of the cancer center. Seminars are at noon every Friday during the fall and spring semesters in the Wolstein Research Building Auditorium (1-413) and via livestream. CME credit is available for attendees.

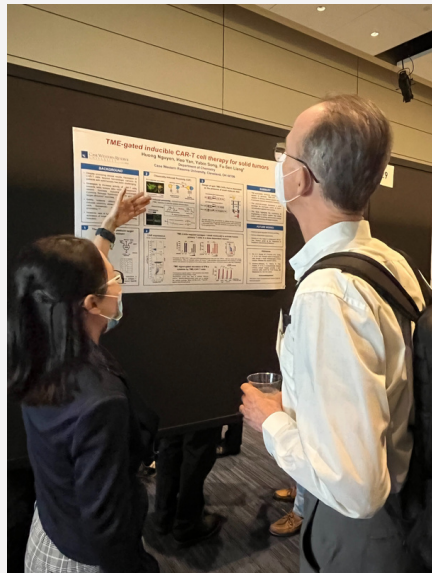


## Annual Scientific Retreat

This two-day retreat provides an opportunity for Case CCC members to come together and collaborate, highlighting research across each of our scientific programs.

## Bench to Bedside Retreat

Travel from bench to bedside with us through presentations on cancer-focused research and clinical application as well as translational science discoveries and career development paths.



## Cancer Disparities Symposium

This multi-disciplinary event appeals to researchers, clinicians, health professionals, community outreach groups, community-based organizations, patient advocates, and trainees eager to learn more about disparities in cancer care.





# Stay Connected

## Social Media

We promote our members on Case CCC social media channels, including LinkedIn and X. Follow us @caseccc to stay up to date on the latest! Don't forget to tag us when posting about your work.



## Newsletter

Our job is to publicize members' work and awards in Case CCC's weekly email newsletter which features news, events, funding opportunities, and other updates for the cancer center community. Want to receive news straight to your inbox? Join our newsletter mailing list at [case.edu/cancer/about-us/news/newsletter](https://case.edu/cancer/about-us/news/newsletter).

## Communications Requests

You benefit from the assistance of Case CCC's Communications Team. Submit your new grant, recent awards, and other newsworthy items. You deserve the accolades! Or ask for help creating marketing materials—including digital content for our newsletter, social media, and website—for events and other announcements. Submit a Communications Request at [case.edu/cancer/about-us/news/submit](https://case.edu/cancer/about-us/news/submit).



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