Cancer Research Postbac (CRP) Program Pre-Application Webinar

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- Webinar will be recorded
  - Recording posted at: https://www.cancer.gov/grants-training/training/idwb/cancer-research-postbac-program
- Submit questions via chat
- Closed captioning available
- For audio/visual support:
  - Direct message Abel Varghese via chat
  - Contact via phone (240) 276-6369

Overview

1. Who We Are
   - The National Institutes of Health (NIH)
   - The National Cancer Institute (NCI)
2. What We Do
   - Cancer Research with a Purpose
   - Expanding the Cancer Research Workforce
3. How We Do It
   - The Cancer Research Postbac (CRP) Program
   - Additional Resources and Amenities
   - How to Apply
4. Time for Questions

Who We Are

National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Cancer Institute (NCI)

National Institutes of Health
Turning Discovery Into Health

- Mission:
  - Seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability
- ~75% of budget provides **extramural** grant funding
- **Intramural** = NIH onsite research

National Institutes of Health
Turning Discovery Into Health

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27 INSTITUTES & CENTERS

= Extramural Only

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- Government's principal agency for cancer research and training
- Advancing scientific knowledge to help all people live longer, healthier lives
- 3 campuses:

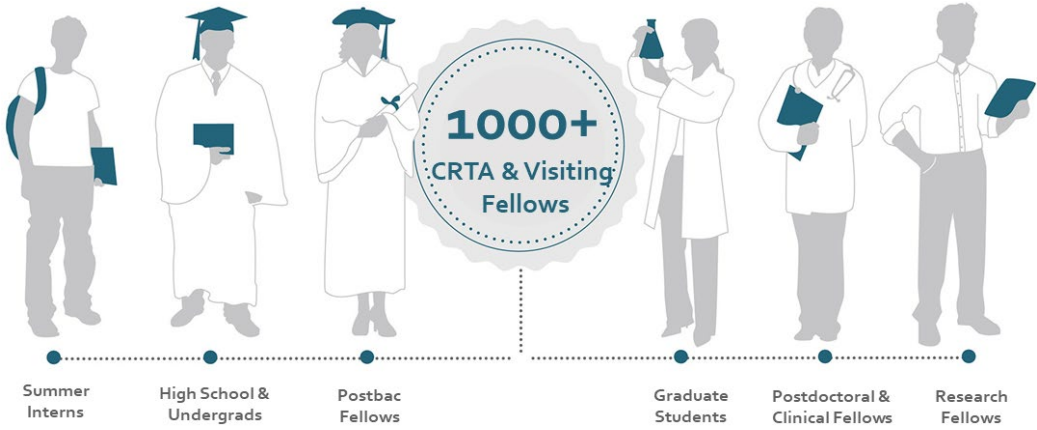
NIH Main Campus
Bethesda, MD

Frederick National Laboratory
for Cancer Research
Frederick, MD

Shady Grove
Rockville, MD

What We Do

Cancer Research with a Purpose and Expanding the Cancer Research Workforce



Overview of What We Do at NCI

Fund and support cancer research institutions and scientists

Conduct cutting-edge research on cancer causes, treatments, and prevention

Train next generation of cancer researchers

Inform and educate about cancer

Cancer Research with a Purpose

- Pursue most important problems
- Take risks
- Tackle difficult problems requiring longer time window
- Share developed technology widely
- Research full spectrum from basic science to patient care

Addressing Cancer Health Disparities & Expanding the Cancer Research Workforce

Enhancing Research to Address **Cancer Health Disparities**

Ensuring **Diversity of Thought and Background** in the Cancer Research Workforce

Promoting an **Inclusive and Equitable Community** at NCI

Why Train at NCI

1. Largest biomedical and cancer research organization in the world
2. Partnerships
3. Build your professional network
4. Commitment to diversity & inclusion
5. Competitive funding
6. Hands-on learning
7. Mentorship
8. Sense of community
9. Career exploration
10. A holistic perspective to training

How We Do It

The Cancer Research Postbac (CRP) Program, Additional Resources & Amenities, and How to Apply

Pathways to Obtaining a Training Opportunity at NCI

Contact investigator directly

Submit your CV/resume to the NIH or NCI postbac database

Apply to open fellowship postings

Apply to a specific program within a specific timeline

The Cancer Research Postbac (CRP) Program

What It Is and Why You Should Do It

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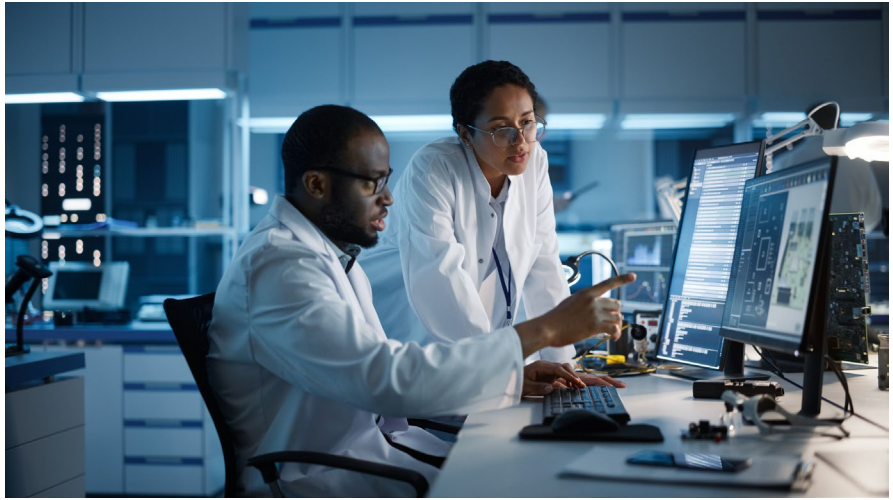
Overview of the Cancer Research Postbac (CRP) Program

- Up to **2-year postbac fellowship**
- Conduct cancer research at NCI
- Cohort based program
- Additional career and professional development provided



Stipends & Benefits Offered by CRP

- Competitive Stipend
  - $41,700 – $54,900 for 2023, dependent on prior experience
- Health insurance provided
- 12 federal holidays off + 20 additional days, per year
- Up to $3000 for relocation expenses
- Travel stipend available

Why Choose CRP for a Postbac?

- Cohort community
- Professional development opportunities:
  - Research project
  - Mentoring
  - Training, courses, and workshops
  - Participate in journal clubs, branch meetings, and present at NIH Postbac Poster Day
- Highly collaborative environment

“I joined the program because I desired to join a collaborative community […] who could help me develop professionally and personally on my journey toward becoming a physician-scientist. The program has provided innumerable resources…”

—

Deanna Riley, CRP Fellow

“I applied to the program to explore my research without the resource limitations that I faced in my undergraduate studies. I knew that joining the program would expose me to innovative cancer biology techniques, allow me to be trained by expert scientists, and give me time to develop my career.”

—

Julie Lee, CRP Fellow

Available Resources and Amenities

Across NCI and the NIH

Available Resources

- Mental health and well-being
- Career exploration
- Professional skill development
- Networking and community building

https://ors.od.nih.gov

Program Services

Amenities

- Food
- Fitness & Wellbeing
- Child & Family
- Interpreting
- Banking
- Retail

Transportation

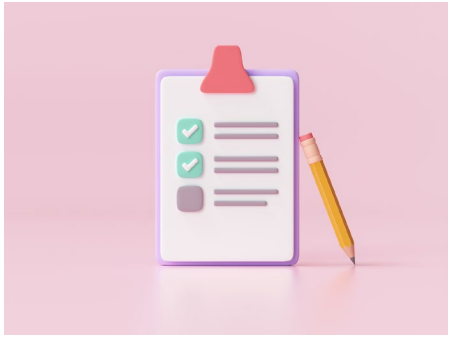
- Shuttles
- Parking
- Transhare
- Patient Services
- Bike Programs
- Commuter Info

How to Apply

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- ✓ Received bachelor's degree less than 2 years prior
- ✓ GPA 3.2 or higher
- ✓ Demonstrate research experience
- ✓ Available 1-2 years, beginning by August 1st
- ✓ Pass federal background check

Application Materials – Information to Provide

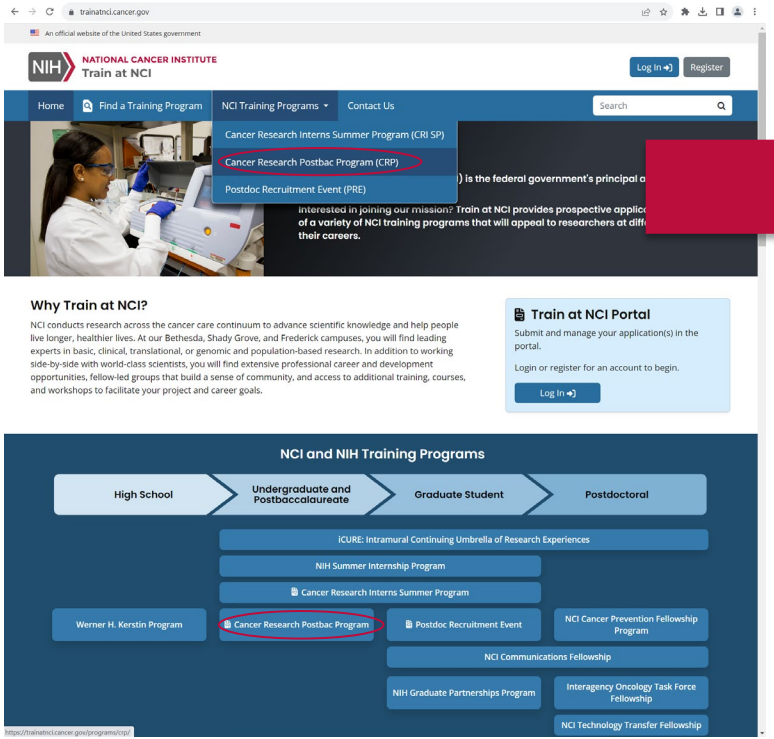


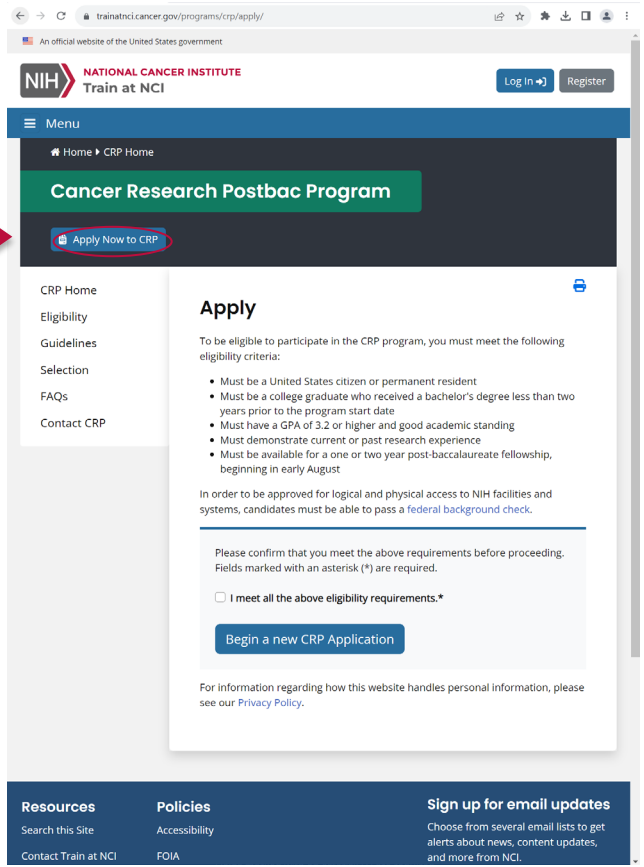
- Apply by **January 17, 2024**
- Must provide:
  - Basic Information – name, contact info, citizenship, etc.
  - Demographic Information – sex, race, ethnicity
  - Education – degrees awarded or expected
  - Research Interests
  - References – name and email of **two references**
    - References letters due **January 24, 2024**

Application Materials – Documents to Upload

- Must apply by **January 17, 2024**
- Upload following documents:
  1. Curriculum Vitae (CV)
  2. Personal Statement 300 words or less
  3. Diversity Statement 250 words or less
  4. Transcripts

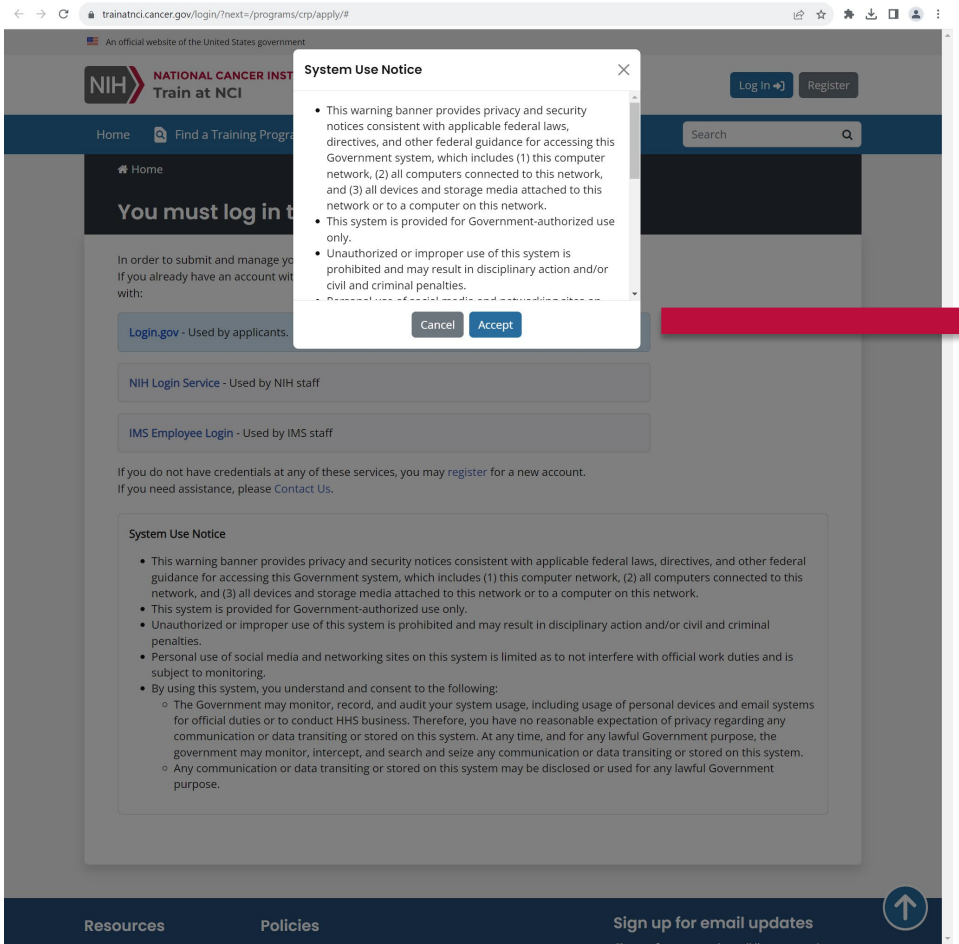
CRP Application Due January 17, 2024

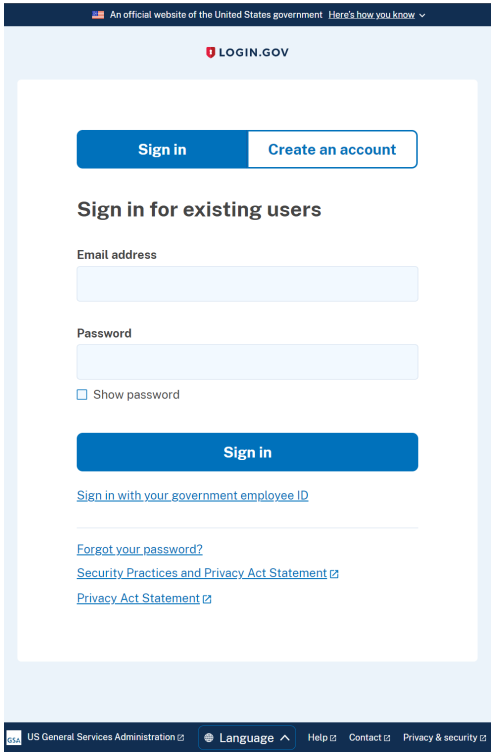




(https://trainatnci.cancer.gov/)

How to Apply – Login.gov





Selection Process Timeline

Jan-Mar	• **Application evaluated by selection committee**
Mar 18	• **Notification of selection decision**
Mar-Apr	• **Interviews for selected candidates** • Both candidates and investigators submit rankings
Apr 15	• **Notification of matching decision**
Apr 30	• **Deadline to accept offer**

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