Overview

This visiting fellowship is a training program designed for physicians who have completed a medical oncology fellowship program in the United States and who seek specialized training in immunotherapy with clinical trials and clinical trial development. The breadth and depth of opportunities for training in clinical immunotherapy at the Center for Cancer Research (CCR), NCI, are unsurpassed with active clinical programs in therapeutic cancer vaccines, immune checkpoint modulation, adoptive cellular therapies (both TCR engineered cells and CAR-T therapy), bispecific antibodies and immunocytokines. Co-sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and SITC and made possible in part by an educational grant from EMD Serono.

Program Structure

This 1-year program, at the CCR in Bethesda, Maryland, allows the fellow to have exposure to multiple clinical immunotherapeutic approaches and to key opinion leaders in the field of clinical immunotherapy. This fellowship provides opportunities to understand how to design, write and run clinical trials, how to treat patients, how manage toxicities, as well as opportunities to work with multiple experimental agents.

Eligibility Criteria

- Able to relocate to Bethesda, MD, for the duration of the fellowship
- Trained in Medical Oncology, Hematology, Pediatric Oncology, Radiation Oncology, or Surgical Oncology
- Strong interest in learning about immunotherapy
- Preference is given to those with an academic interest
- Open to U.S. and Non-U.S. trained physicians (the latter requires ECFMG certification and completion of USMLE Step 1, 2, and 3)

Application Requirements

To apply, applicants must submit the following via email to education@sitcancer.org:

1) Curriculum Vitae
   CV or NIH Biosketch or equivalent (maximum 5 pages)

2) Statement of purpose
   Please tell us why you are interested in this fellowship in 500 words or less. Please include:
   - A description of your research interests and goals and how these relate to cancer immunotherapy clinical trials and clinical trial development.
• A description of your career path up to this point, as well as insight into your short- and long-term goals, and how this fellowship will help you achieve those goals.

3) Three personal references
   Three current and original letters of reference must be submitted by individuals in the scientific/academic community who have knowledge of your scientific accomplishments, motivation, and skills.

4) Documentation of board eligibility status or certification status
   For foreign medical graduates, ECFMG certification and USMLE Step 1, 2, and 3 must be completed.

2023 SITC-NCI Immunotherapy Fellowship Timeline

• Application Period: July 19, 2023 – August 30, 2023
• Applicants will be notified via email of their application’s acceptance or decline within 10 weeks of the application deadline
• Award recipient will be acknowledged during SITC’s Annual Meeting: November 3-5, 2023
• Fellowship term begins July, 2024 at the Cancer Center for Research in Bethesda, Maryland