

2026 SITC Women in Cancer Immunotherapy Network (WIN) Leadership Institute Application Eligibility & Criteria

Program Dates:

- In-Person: July 30-31, 2026, in Boston, MA
- Virtual: September 10-11, 2026, via zoom webinar

*You will be asked your preference in the application, and we will do our best to accommodate. Please note you can only attend one. If you have attended WIN previously, you are not eligible to attend a second time. If you have applied previously and not attended, we encourage you to apply.

Program Description: The SITC Women in Cancer Immunotherapy Network's (WIN) Leadership Institute is a two-day program that explores topics that can help to benefit females to emerge as leaders in the field of cancer immunotherapy. The program will help women to develop and enhance leadership skills as well as explore topics around gender equity and understanding their role as an emerging leader. Female participants from clinical settings, industry, pharma, government, and academia, will be given an opportunity to network with one another and share experiences unique to the female perspective in the field of cancer immunotherapy.

The **Women in Cancer Immunotherapy Network (WIN)** is a Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) initiative seeking to promote and elevate women in the cancer immunotherapy field. Championed by SITC Past President Lisa H. Butterfield, PhD, the society's first female president, WIN provides a forum for women to discuss important topics relevant to their advancement in the field.

Target Audience: The SITC Women in Cancer Immunotherapy Network's (WIN) Leadership Institute provides female participants from clinical settings, industry, pharma, government, and academia the tools they need to succeed as emerging leaders in the field of cancer immunotherapy. This program is specifically intended for those just starting their independent professional careers or those who have re-entered the workforce.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this meeting, participants will be able to:

- Apply leadership skills to create an effective team environment in the workplace
- Display a broad understanding of effective leadership roles and strategies and be able to apply them in a variety of professional, personal, and civic environments
- Navigate unique challenges that face female leaders in the field of cancer immunotherapy
- Demonstrate the ability to understand and apply principles of effective communication in order to affect appropriate change in a variety of leadership settings
- Rely on a network of females in the field of cancer immunotherapy for guidance and advice on advancing their career in cancer immunotherapy

Summary of Application Packet:

The application will be organized as outlined below:

I. Applicant's Career Stage

- a. In 50 words or less, please state your career stage relative to your terminal degree (for example: 2 years in current position, after a 3 year postdoc, which is 5 years since my PhD degree; or 2 years in current position after a 3 year residency in internal medicine and 3 years of oncology subspecialty training which is 8 years since my MD degree; or 5 years in my current position after completion of my PharmD, MBA, etc.)

II. Applicant's Statement of Benefit

- a. In 50 words or less, please state why your career development would benefit from attending this event.

III. Proof of Student/Fellow Status

- a. Proof of student/fellow status or years out from such status can be provided through a letter or transcript from the institution at which the applicant completed this work.

Eligibility:

This program is open to female applicants only. Applicants must currently work in the field of cancer immunotherapy or be interested in starting a career in the field. If you have attended past WIN programs, you are not eligible to apply.

In addition, applicants must fit one of the following criteria:

- Five or fewer years since applicant's post-doctoral PhD and/or MD experience (e.g., post-doctoral lab experience or medical residency/fellowship)
- Ten or fewer years since applicant received terminal degree (PharmD, MBA, etc.)
- Applicant is starting or in consideration for their first leadership position

Selection Criteria:

Program Co-Organizers will consider the following in their selection of applicants:

- Career stage
- Written responses to short answer questions

Priority will be given to applicants who are early in their independent professional careers or who are re-entering the workforce.

*While not a requirement, SITC membership and participation in SITC programs or opportunities, will be considered during the review process. Membership is a requirement for travel award applicants.

Selection:

Selection is made by the SITC WIN Leadership Institute Program Co-Organizers. Applicants will be notified via email of their application's acceptance or decline.

Application process:

Applicants will submit an application via SITC's website. **Applications are due March 16, 2026, at 12 p.m. EST.**

2026 SITC Women in Cancer Immunotherapy Network (WIN) Leadership Institute – Travel Award Application Criteria

To support young investigators and clinicians interested in attending the Women in Cancer Immunotherapy Network (WIN) Leadership Institute, SITC will accept applications for travel awards, which will supplement costs up to \$750 for those honored to attend. Five travel awardees will be selected. Travel awards are only available to in-person WIN Leadership Institute participants. SITC membership is a requirement for travel award eligibility.

Applicants will be asked to provide an additional Statement of Benefit to state how receiving a travel award to attend the 2026 WIN Leadership Institute in Boston, MA, from July 30-31, 2026, will help in reaching their career objectives.

- Selection:** Selection is made by the SITC WIN Leadership Institute Program Co-Organizers. Applicants will be notified via email of their application's acceptance or decline.
- Application process:** Applicants will submit an application via SITC's website through their application for the WIN Leadership Institute. **Applications are due March 16, 2026, at 12 p.m. EST.**