



# 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. Three 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. Programs are available in various areas of the US including West Coast, East Coast and Mid-West.

**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**



## **Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Research Fellowship in Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care**

The 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 our website at [www.dana-farber.org/fellowships](http://www.dana-farber.org/fellowships).

### **University of Colorado Palliative Care and Aging Post-Doctoral Research Training**

The University of Colorado 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: <http://medschool.ucdenver.edu/Palliative-Care-and-Aging-Research-Training-T32> for details. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Jean Kutner ([Jean.Kutner@ucdenver.edu](mailto:Jean.Kutner@ucdenver.edu) or 720.848.5130). For general information, contact Shaleeta Pearson ([shaleeta.pearson@ucdenver.edu](mailto:shaleeta.pearson@ucdenver.edu) or 303.724.2261).

### **University of Washington Cambia Palliative Care Center of Excellence Palliative Care Research Fellowship**

The Cambia Palliative Care Center of Excellence 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 at: <http://www.uwpalliativecarecenter.com/pallcareresearchfellowship.html>

### **University of Pittsburgh Post-Doctoral Research Opportunities in Palliative Care**

The University of Pittsburgh 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**

The Duke Center for 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**

The UCSF Division of Geriatrics and the San Francisco VA Geriatrics, Palliative, and Extended Care offer 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 <http://geriatrics.ucsf.edu/education/fellowships.html> for more information.

### **University of Utah Pre and Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Cancer, Caregiving and EOL Care**

The UofU College of Nursing 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 <https://nursing.utah.edu/research/post-doctoral-fellow/> for details. Feel free to contact Dr. Lee Ellington at [lee.ellington@nurs.utah.edu](mailto:lee.ellington@nurs.utah.edu) or administrator Diane Ballard at [diane.ballard@nurs.utah.edu](mailto:diane.ballard@nurs.utah.edu)