

Membership Guidelines

The Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center membership is open to faculty of the UTSW Medical School, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and the Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health.

Applicants must hold the rank of Assistant Professor or above and must be involved in one or more of the following for consideration:

- Active in cancer research, as evidenced by serving as PI or Project Leader of cancer-relevant peer-reviewed NIH research grant(s) or from [funding organizations identified by NCI as having a peer review funding system](#)
- A leader in cancer clinical research, as evidenced by serving as:
 - Investigator in an interventional treatment cancer trial with a minimum of 15 therapeutic accruals per year
 - Holder of a leadership position in NCTN/COG studies (e.g., National PI or Study Chair, U10 grant PI, NCTN Committee Chair), or nationally recognized consortium (current or within preceding three years)
- New investigator within the first five years of appointment as Assistant Professor who has been recruited by the Center to launch a research career in cancer. These are investigators for whom there is a high expectation for a significant role in the cancer mission but who cannot yet show independent extramural funding and/or clinical research leadership. To qualify for membership, these investigators must participate in a formal mentorship program and must be sponsored by the mentor.
- A key contributor to the mission of the Cancer Center (e.g., DOT leader, SCCC Shared Resource Director, PRMC Chair)

Membership Application Process

Complete the application and submit it to: Stefanie.Johnson@UTSouthwestern.edu

Scientific Program Descriptions

Cellular Networks in Cancer – Promotes research to increase understanding of molecular mechanisms altered in tumor cells and their microenvironment that support cancer initiation and metastatic progression.

Chemistry and Cancer – Focuses on the discovery of drug-like chemicals that affect biological processes causal to the development and progression of cancer.

Development and Cancer - Brings together investigators in developmental and cancer stem cell biology to discover how aberrant developmental processes contribute to initiation and progression of cancer.

Experimental Therapeutics – Promotes, develops, and exploits mechanism-based research for improved therapy of human cancer, and serves as the main hub for therapeutic clinical trials.

Population Science and Cancer Control – Focuses on cross-cutting themes of cancer health disparities and health services research in the catchment's safety-net systems, recognizing Dallas's great socioeconomic and ethnic diversity.