



*The UC Cancer Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC)
Faculty Seed Grants and Graduate Student Fellowships in Cancer*

A UC Commitment to the Fight Against Cancer

Recognizing a unique opportunity to advance research in the fight against cancer, UC President Robert Sproul established the CRCC in 1947. This early commitment to seed discovery and faculty careers in cancer research, using income derived from designated bequests to the University of California, has helped position UC as a national leader, garnering unmatched levels of federal funding, and helping to improve the health of not only Californians, but all people affected by cancer. This unique funding source now provides over \$1.8 million annually to UC faculty and graduate students studying all aspects of cancer, and has leveraged, on average, approximately \$12 in extramural funding for each CRCC dollar awarded.

“The CRCC continues to be an outstanding source of funding for initiating challenging projects at the early stages of development. It is a jewel for spurring novel studies and supporting students at the formative stages of their development.”

UCLA Faculty Grantee, 2018 CRCC Annual Program Report

Systemwide Administration and Governance

The faculty-led CRCC, with members from all ten UC campuses, sets funding priorities and provides academic oversight for the use of the 17 bequests and voluntary donations that comprise the program income. The CRCC convenes annually to identify meritorious research projects proposed by faculty peers that articulate novel directions likely to lead to breakthroughs in cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment, or cure. Awards are selected through rigorous, competitive peer review.

Administrative and fiscal oversight of the program resides at the UC Office of the President, under the direction of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies. The **UC Research Initiatives** team (doctoral level staff with expertise in life, health, physical, and social sciences) manages the funding opportunity and research awards within the comprehensive grant-making infrastructure of the Research Grants Program Office. All awards are administered in compliance with University, state, and federal policies.

Creating and Sustaining UC Excellence in Cancer Research

- CRCC funding positions UC faculty for unparalleled success in garnering extramural awards, resulting in ~\$700,000 of new federal and foundation support for every CRCC grant.
- CRCC funding ensures a pipeline of innovative cancer scholars by supporting, on average, 20 graduate students and 15 post-doctoral fellows annually, and 72 new publications.
- For over 70 years, CRCC has provided UC faculty a competitive advantage in cancer research, and has grown with the University of California: Today, CRCC recipients on all 10 campuses launch novel projects in all aspects of cancer, sustaining a vibrant community of scholarship across the system.