

UC Cancer Research Coordinating Committee 2024 Competition Results 2024-25 Awards List by Principal Investigator

PI Name	Campus	Project Title
Manish Aghi	UCSF	Identifying cancer-associated fibroblasts in glioblastoma and defining their pro-tumoral effects
Thomas Burke	UCI	Determining mechanisms of anti-tumor synergy elicited by innate immune agonist cancer therapies.
Janai Carr-Ascher	UCD	Defining mechanisms of YAP-driven high-grade complex karyotype sarcoma development
Jonathan Chou	UCSF	*Targeting Bladder Cancer with Intravesical and Systemic NECTIN4-directed Therapies
Emma Farley	UCSD	*Predicting causal variants in melanoma
Cameron Gaskill	UCD	Evaluation of Hepatocellular Carcinoma care capacity in Tanzania
Matthew Griffin	UCI	Controlling tumor metastasis via the gut microbiota
Shiri Gur-Cohen	UCSD	Identifying distinct lymphovascular drivers of tumor initiation and evolution
Daniel Johnson	UCSF	Targeting the Myc oncoprotein
Vanessa Jonsson	UCSC	*AI-based discovery of novel T cell therapies for diverse immunogenetic backgrounds
Douglas Kellogg	UCSC	*Control of cell cycle entry
Vincent Lavallo	UCR	*Targeting Cancer Cells with Carborane Salts for Photodynamic Therapy
Rongze Olivia Lu	UCSF	*Enhancing CAR-T Therapy by Targeting PP2A in Glioblastoma
Jernej Murn	UCR	*Investigating the biogenesis of histone mRNAs during normal and aberrant cell proliferation
Nestor Oviedo	UCM	*The evolution of cancer in planarians
Dan Ruan	UCLA	Seeing the obscure for non-small cell lung cancer radiotherapy
Noriko Satake	UCD	Targeting RNA splicing in B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia
Desmond Smith	UCLA	Genome-wide maps of c-Myc dependent genetic interactions
Daniel Starr	UCD	*LINCing macromolecular crowding and pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma
Peter Zage	UCSD	Targeting Oncogene-Induced Replication Stress for Neuroblastoma

*Projects involving recipients of Diversity and Disparities in Cancer Research Traineeship Supplements.

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**2024-25 Diversity and Disparities in Cancer Research
Traineeship Supplements Awards
List by Principal Investigator**

PI	Campus	Trainee
Emma Farley	UCSD	Lance Gutierrez
Vanessa Jonsson	UCSC	Etenesh Abebe
Douglas Kellogg	UCSC	Mya Luna
Vincent Lavallo	UCR	Katherine Espinoza Morelos
Rongze Olivia Lu	UCSF	Sophia Hoonsbeen
Jernej Murn	UCR	Kawon (Anzie) Pyo
Nestor Oviedo	UCM	Diana Ortiz, Jasmin Alvarez
Daniel Starr	UCD	Ana Ximena Rodriguez Parra