

UC COMMITMENT TO CANCER RESEARCH

The Cancer Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC) was established in 1947 to accelerate discovery in cancer across the University of California. [Generous bequests](#) to UC enabled the Committee to launch a competitive funding opportunity that provides one-year faculty seed grants. Since 2018, voluntary taxpayer contributions to the [California Cancer Research Fund](#) have augmented the funds available to support CRCC awards.

Supporting Breakthroughs in All Aspects of Cancer Research

CRCC awards support both new and established faculty to launch cancer research projects, whether to accelerate their careers or to pivot their research in new directions.

- As a true systemwide resource, CRCC seed funding has reached every campus, supporting investigator-initiated research topics in any discipline that address any aspect of cancer.
- Grantees study every one of the 11 most common cancers, including those in the breast and prostate, and many rare cancers, with consistent efforts to address brain cancers and leukemia.
- The CRCC prioritizes funding for early career UC faculty, awarding over 400 seed grants totaling \$23 million to Assistant Professors since 1999. Early career awards account for approximately half of all research grants over the last 27 years.

Small Investments Lead to Large-Scale Impact

Committed to catalyzing the next wave of breakthroughs in cancer research, the CRCC invests in promising ideas at their earliest stages. Many awardees have secured major funding, turning these initial grants into large-scale impact.

- UC faculty leverage at least \$11 in extramural funding for every \$1 of CRCC funding and, in some years, this return on investment is as high as 20:1.
- Recognizing that the future of impactful research requires investing in the next generation of researchers, CRCC provides funding for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, as well as undergraduates, Master's students and post-baccalaureates interested in careers in cancer research.

UC Leadership at the Forefront of Cancer Discoveries

The CRCC is a UC [faculty-directed cancer research program](#) represented by faculty from all 10 campuses, with expertise in basic science, public health, engineering, and clinical and applied research.

- Faculty leadership with diverse expertise ensures that CRCC supports the most innovative projects and that its priorities remain well-aligned with an evolving cancer research landscape.

To learn more about the program and its grantees, please visit the [CRCC website](#).

75+
years
Of cancer research
support

\$47M
Total funding since
1999

860+
Faculty awards
since 1999

11:1
Return on investment
in extramural funding