

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

We are pleased to announce the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Research Fellowship in Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care. This fellowship is directed toward 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. The goal of this fellowship is to train early investigators prepared to move these fields forward through the conduct of highest quality research.

**Duration:** 2 years

### The Fellowship Experience:

- Completion of an original research project under the guidance of a Harvard Medical School Faculty mentor(s), at least one of which is affiliated with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.
  - Applicants should have an idea of their research focus, but identification of a specific project or mentor is not necessary.
  - Fellows will identify a mentorship team, choose their research project and refine a study protocol in their initial months.
- Core curriculum in research methods and biostatistics delivered through the Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Catalyst, and further coursework tailored to the fellow's needs
- Frequent opportunities to present research ideas and challenges in small group settings
- Weekly seminar series on other key topics essential to building a successful research career
- Works-in-Progress Seminar sessions to present, receive feedback, and learn about related research
- Participation in relevant conferences and symposia hosted by the Harvard Medical School affiliated institutions

**The Environment:** The Dana-Farber Department of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care consists of over 40 faculty (and >80 clinical and administrative staff) across five divisions: Adult Palliative Care, Pediatric Palliative Care, Adult Psychosocial Oncology, Pediatric Psychosocial Oncology, and Social Work. The work of these divisions spans the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Boston Children's Hospital. The Department shares a research relationship with Massachusetts General Hospital and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center through the Dana-Farber Harvard Cancer Center, and is closely affiliated with the Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care, which serves as a national home for palliative care education. The nearby proximity of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard Medical School Department of Health Care Policy, and innovative centers such as Ariadne Labs (each housing investigators with related interests) offer an unparalleled and extraordinarily rich research environment.

**Eligibility:** Candidates must demonstrate a serious interest in pursuing research in palliative care or psychosocial oncology. Appropriate trainees include:

- Physicians completing clinical fellowships in Palliative Medicine or Psychosocial Oncology, as well as individuals trained in fields such as Psychiatry, Pediatrics, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, Geriatrics, or other relevant specialties provided they are focused on palliative care or psychosocial oncology research.
- Clinical Psychologists completing post-doctoral clinical training in psychosocial oncology.
- Post-doctoral PhDs from the fields of Nursing, Social Work, and other clinical disciplines, with a focus on palliative care or psychosocial oncology.

Candidates must be citizens or noncitizen nationals of the United States, or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time of appointment. Applicants must agree to undertake a minimum of two years of research training from the time of appointment. Appropriately credentialed clinicians may dedicate up to 20% of their effort to clinical work.

**Compensation and Benefits:** Fellows will be appointed and paid at the appropriate PGY Fellow year and receive health insurance and other benefits comparable to clinical fellows. Fellows will receive a Harvard Medical School appointment. Malpractice insurance is provided for fellows who engage in clinical effort.

**Application process:**

Applicants should submit a package consisting of:

- 2 page personal statement describing the applicant's background, career goals, and research interests
- Applicant's CV
- Reference letter from the applicant's prior residency, fellowship or doctoral director
- Two additional reference letters that address the candidate's research potential

**Selection criteria:** The goal of this program is to train researchers in palliative care and psychosocial oncology. We will use rigorous selection criteria (e.g., prior research experience, publications, references from research mentors) to identify candidates likely to be successful in a career as independent investigators. Selected applicants will be invited for interviews (in-person and by phone) in Winter 2017, and decisions made soon thereafter.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2016

Fellowship Start: July 3, 2017

Interested applicants should submit their application to [POPCResearchFellowship@partners.org](mailto:POPCResearchFellowship@partners.org)

For more details and information about the Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care Research Fellowship, please visit our website at [www.dana-farber.org/fellowships](http://www.dana-farber.org/fellowships) or contact us by email at the address above.

We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.