

CRI IRVINGTON POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP TO PROMOTE RACIAL DIVERSITY

Supporting Underrepresented Scientists in Immuno-Oncology

The *Cancer Research Institute* (CRI) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to harnessing our immune system's power to control and potentially cure all types of cancer. Since inception, CRI has invested almost a half a billion dollars and has supported more than 3,400 scientists and clinicians worldwide working to understand the immune system and how it can be harnessed to conquer all cancers. This work has laid the foundation for nearly every major cancer immunotherapy breakthrough over the past half century.

Recognizing that the next great breakthroughs in cancer immunotherapy will require a diverse and inclusive community of researchers, CRI has launched the CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship to Promote Racial Diversity.

The CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship to Promote Racial Diversity supports qualified young scientists from underrepresented minorities at leading universities and research centers around the world who wish to receive training in fundamental immunology and cancer immunology. Fellows train under the guidance of a world-renowned immunologist, who sponsors the fellow and prepares him or her for a productive and successful career in cancer immunology.

The program will provide additional support for mentoring and career advancement to these individuals as we work to build a more racially diverse and inclusive community of scientists working in immuno-oncology.

“This is a critical effort. Providing opportunity to underrepresented groups is the right thing to do, and only by bringing in all of the best and brightest minds from our society can we solve the complex questions in cancer research that lie before us.”

– **James P. Allison, Ph.D.**

2018 Nobel Laureate,
CRI Scientific Advisory Council Director

CRI seeks hypothesis-driven, mechanistic studies in both immunology and tumor immunology that aim to directly impact our understanding of the immune system's role in cancer. A panel of scientists drawn from the CRI Scientific Advisory Council will rigorously evaluate each candidate, the intended sponsor and training environment, and the nature and feasibility of the proposed project.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must have a doctoral degree and be working in areas directly related to immunology or cancer immunology.
- The program is open to Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino/Latina American, American Indian or Alaska Native candidates.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens working at a nonprofit institution in the United States or abroad.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Fellowships are three-year awards and provide \$171,000 to cover the fellow's salary for three years plus an annual allowance of \$5,000 per year is allotted to the host institution for use at the sponsor's discretion to help pay for the fellow's research supplies, travel to scientific meetings, health insurance and/or childcare.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The application deadlines are March 1 and September 1.