



## **Doctoral Training Grants in Oncology Social Work Grant Deadline: October 15**

**Purpose:** to support qualifying doctoral students at schools of social work that train individuals to conduct research related to the psychosocial needs of persons with cancer and their families. The goal of this program is to strengthen oncology social work practice by providing assistance for doctoral study in oncology social work.

### **Requirements for the Trainee:**

The applicant must:

- Be a citizen, non-citizen national or permanent resident of the United States.
- Have a master's degree in social work and at least one year of social work experience in a health care setting (cancer control experience preferred but not required).
- Have a demonstrated commitment to a career in oncology social work as evidenced by recent experience, education, and/or research.
- Be currently enrolled in or applying to a doctoral degree program in social work. If an applicant is not yet enrolled in a Ph.D. program, the applicant must meet requirements for doctoral study and must have been accepted by the institution to which s/he has applied at the time of funding.
- Project a full-time program of study that integrates oncology social work and provides evidence of faculty support for the program of study.

### **Requirements for the Institution:**

- The program must be offered within an accredited academic institution in the United States that can award a doctoral degree in social work.
- The program must offer an affiliation with an institution that has an active program in psychosocial oncology research, an organized multidisciplinary program in cancer control or cancer care or access to other resources that allow the applicant to participate in educational and research activities related to oncology social work.
- The program of study must be planned with faculty who are experts in the applicant's field of study and can guide the student's educational experiences.
- The institution must name as mentor to the trainee a doctoral prepared social worker that resides in the school of social work. The preceptor must:
  - Ideally, serve on the trainee's doctoral dissertation committee.
  - Provide evidence of sufficient psychosocial/oncology research experience.
  - Provide evidence of successful grant applications at local, state, or national levels.

### **Time/Funding:**

- Initial 2-year grant with possibility of 2-year competitive renewal.
- The grant provides up to \$15,000 annually to the student. An additional \$5,000 per year is provided to allow the student and the faculty preceptor to attend the Society of Social Work and Research annual conference, and other professional conferences of their choosing. Participation in the SSWR conference is mandatory for all recipients of this award.

### **If you have program-specific questions, please contact:**

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