

## **Cancer Prevention Postdoctoral Training Opportunity in Health Disparities Research**

We are looking for candidates for postdoctoral fellowships to join the Department of Health Disparities Research at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. This postdoctoral fellowship will provide individuals with the opportunity to contribute to the design, implementation, analysis, and publication of studies in cancer prevention. Under the mentorship of Dr. Larkin Strong, Associate Professor of Health Disparities Research, this fellowship will offer opportunities to contribute to studies that aim to improve cancer preventive behaviors (e.g., physical activity, nutrition) through lifestyle interventions and enhance quality of life in cancer patients, with a focus on underserved and racial/ethnic minority communities. Research activities may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Developing and evaluating interventions to promote cancer preventive behaviors
- Developing and evaluating interventions to enhance quality of life in cancer patients
- Adapting interventions for new populations and/or settings
- Gaining firsthand experience in community-engaged research
- Applying qualitative and quantitative methods to inform intervention development

Qualified candidates should have a doctorate in behavioral science, health promotion, psychology, epidemiology, sociology, or a related field. Prior experience in cancer or chronic disease prevention is preferred. All candidates must have evidence of strong writing skills and have published first-authored peer-reviewed papers. This postdoctoral fellowship provides an exceptional opportunity to develop research experience, publications, and grant proposals in cancer prevention research.

Eligible candidates interested in this opportunity will apply and seek funding through the Cancer Prevention Research Training Program (CPRTP) with Dr. Strong and other faculty as sponsoring mentors. In addition, the scholar will have access to a group of dedicated mentors at MDACC whose expertise include but is not limited to exercise and lifestyle interventions, cancer survivorship, technology-based interventions, and underserved populations. The mentoring team has successfully helped scholars to obtain fellowships and developmental awards. MDACC has extensive resources for post-doctoral scholars, such as weekly grand rounds, training workshops, writing assistance, library support, and statistical support.

At MD Anderson, the Cancer Prevention Research Training Program (CPRTP) prepares health scientists and clinicians to assume leadership roles as research investigators in cancer prevention and control. Trainees appointed to the program will increase their knowledge of cancer prevention and control research and practice through curriculum-based learning; obtain hands-on experience in ongoing cancer prevention and control research projects under the mentorship of established investigators; and participate in workshops, scientific presentations, scientific writing, grant preparation, and professional development skills. Centered around mentored research in cancer prevention and control guided by experienced faculty mentors, multidisciplinary training will be accomplished through a robust training plan that is founded on rigorous quantitative methods, a specialized cancer prevention educational curriculum, an individual development plan, and career development activities. Trainees are immersed in the type of cross-disciplinary research environment characteristic of cancer prevention and control, with the objective of launching the trainee in the role of principal investigator early in his or her career. The CPRTP is committed to building a demographically and scientifically diverse research workforce.

Selected applicants will be appointed to a one-year, full-time research postdoctoral fellowship position with a competitive salary and benefits. These positions are funded by a research training grant award from the

Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (Award# RP170259, Drs. Shine Chang & Sanjay Shete, Principal Investigators).

For more details about the CPRTP, visit the main program web page at [www.CancerPreventionTraining.org](http://www.CancerPreventionTraining.org). For details about the CPRTP CPRIT-funded postdoc fellowship, visit: <https://www.mdanderson.org/education-training/clinical-research-training/postdoctoral-training/postdoctoral-fellowships/cprtp-postdoctoral-fellowship-in-cancer-prevention.html>

For inquires specific to working with Dr. Strong, please email [LLStrong@mdanderson.org](mailto:LLStrong@mdanderson.org) and include a CV and a brief statement of research interests, with preference given to those submitting by January 20, 2021. For more information about Dr. Strong's research, please visit our website at [https://faculty.mdanderson.org/profiles/larkin\\_strong.html](https://faculty.mdanderson.org/profiles/larkin_strong.html).

All application documents for the training program are due **February 15, 2021** by 11:59 p.m. CT.

Thank you,

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