



# BIOBHAVIORAL ONCOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM

## Request for Applications

### PURPOSE

The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) Cancer Center in Milwaukee is accepting fellowship applications for the two-year Biobehavioral Oncology Training (BBOT) Program offering postdoctoral research training. The program integrates the cross-cutting theme of cancer disparities from prevention to survivorship. Preceptors are members of MCW's Cancer Center.

The interdisciplinary BBOT Program considers the role of biological and behavioral factors in cancer prevention, control, and treatment through the integration of two themes: 1) the biology of stress and disparities, and 2) social determinants of health, behavior, and outcomes. The program is supported by an NCI T32 award. Program objectives include cultivating successful, independent cancer research leaders from diverse population groups to address cancer health disparities by integrating biological and behavioral aspects into their research.



### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Current CV
- Three letters of recommendation (including one from an academic mentor)
- Three writing samples (preferably published)
- A brief personal statement of research interests including recent accomplishments and future plans related to biobehavioral oncology. (2 pg./1,000 word max.)
- **Application deadline: April 15, 2025**



### MENTORS

BBOT mentors are all funded PIs with cancer-relevant extramural support. Mentors include PhDs, MDs, and MD/PhDs appointed in over 12 departments and interdepartmental programs representing basic, clinical, and population sciences.

Collectively, mentors have significant expertise in epidemiology, cancer biology, genetics, biostatistics, neuroscience, immunology, and behavioral medicine and interventions, offering research opportunities focusing on the interactions of genetic, molecular, neural, psychological, behavioral, and social factors and their impact on cancer.

#### Theme: Biological Basis of Stress & Disparities

[Andreas Beyer, PhD](#)  
[Terri deRoos Cassini, PhD](#)  
[William Drobyski, MD](#)  
[Joseph Goveas, MD](#)  
[Cecilia Hillard, PhD](#)  
[Heather Himgurg, PhD](#)  
[Siegfried Janz, MD](#)  
[Jennifer Knight, MD, MS\\*](#)  
[John Mantsch, PhD](#)  
[Sridhar Rao, MD, PhD](#)  
[Carol Williams, PhD](#)

#### Theme: Behavior & Social Determinants of Health

[Kirsten Beyer, PhD, MPH](#)  
[Matthew Dellinger, PhD](#)  
[Julia Dickson-Gomez, PhD](#)  
[Kathryn Flynn, PhD](#)  
[Ann Nattinger, MD, MPH](#)  
[Joan Neuner, MD, MPH](#)  
[Alan Nyitray, PhD](#)  
[Lisa Sanchez-Johnsen, PhD, MS](#)  
[Melinda Stolley, PhD\\*](#)  
[Staci Young, PhD](#)

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## ELIGIBILITY

- Qualified BBOT program candidates will have an advanced degree with clear interest and focus in research.
- Successful PhD applicants will have obtained their doctoral degree from a PhD program with a strong foundation in basic, clinical, behavioral, or social science with documented research training.
- MD/DO trainees will enter the BBOT program after their clinical training is complete and will have demonstrated an interest in research through prior participation in labs, specialized research tracks, summer research programs, publications, or scientific presentations.



## BENEFITS OF TRAINING AT THE MCW CANCER CENTER



Gain access to a **nationally recognized cancer clinical trials program**,\* the largest in Wisconsin with 220+ active cancer clinical trials at any given time.



Connect with researchers in the **Top 5% worldwide in publishing** knowledge.



Find your home at **eastern Wisconsin's only cancer-dedicated research facility** with cutting-edge shared resources and technologies.

\*1 of 32 top U.S. academic medical centers recognized as a National Clinical Trials Network Lead Academic Participating Site by the National Cancer Institute.

## WHY APPLY?

MCW Cancer Center training programs support trainees in their efforts to:

- Explore novel ideas and develop expertise, allowing for the development of a focused research agenda and trajectory.
- Gain a deep understanding of cancer disparities from a biology to policy perspective.
- Build collaborative networks across disciplines and academic levels to support future success.
- Obtain the knowledge, skills, and experience to secure a competitive tenure-track faculty position.

Learn more at [cancer.mcw.edu](https://cancer.mcw.edu).

**APPLY TODAY**

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