

**University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart
Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center
UMGCC Membership Categories**

Full Members will meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Hold a faculty appointment at a University System of Maryland campus.
- Serve as a Principal Investigator on cancer-related research grants funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) or an NCI approved peer-reviewed agency or organization. Grants must be current or applications submitted within the last three years.
- Lead multiple clinical trials within a disease program
- Serve as committee chair on NCI-sponsored clinical research committees.
- Have recent publications that are relevant to cancer and/or cancer focused
- Have a UMGCCC leadership role to organize an essential activity or service, as appointed by the center director
- Have ongoing significant collaborations with other peer-reviewed UMGCCC members
- Be leading investigator-initiated UMGCCC clinical trials or accruing significant numbers of patients (at least five per year) to such trials
- Systematically assisting in the procurement of clinical specimens for cancer-related research

Associate Members will meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Hold a salaried or non-salaried faculty appointment at a University System of Maryland campus.
- Do not hold any NCI or NIH grant funding but may hold other cancer-related funding.
- May be a faculty member within 3 years who has submitted cancer-related research grants funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) or an NCI approved peer-reviewed agency or organization
- Faculty member who has an active role in program development, and/or the design and implementation of clinical trials (For example- patient accrual)
- University of Maryland faculty who are clearly and consistently interested in cancer (as defined by their field of research or area of clinical activity)

Affiliate Member Requirements

Affiliate members must be credentialed in an oncology related discipline at a UMMS network/affiliate hospital. They must be Board Certified in their specialty and have clinical privileges at an UMMS hospital.

May or may not hold a faculty appointment in a University of Maryland school but have their principal clinical practice or research located at an UMMS network/affiliate hospital.

Must be actively engaged in clinical research through oversight of and/or enrollment of patients in specific clinical protocols. Must participate in all aspects of trial associated data monitoring, quality assurance and audit as specified by UMGCC or other bodies.

Must complete and maintain certification in human subjects research conduct (e.g. CITI training) as specified by UMGCCC.

Affiliate members research protocols must be approved by their IRB of record or the UMB IRB, and the UMGCCC Clinical Research Committee (CRC).

Affiliate members' work may be discussed in the UMGCCC Cancer Center Support Grant, but none of their funding is included in any totals reported to the NCI unless they participate in a trial that is primarily administered by UMGCCC and includes an Investigator active at UMMC.

Membership Expectations, Benefits & Duties

1. Support the basic concept, mission, and goals of the Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center.
2. Participate fully in respective research programs, collaborative efforts, and communications about research and patient care initiatives.
3. Provide the Cancer Center with the information necessary to maintain current data about scientific activity and grant support in order to maintain the Center's database on oncology-related activities.
4. Request funds in grant applications to support the UMGCCC Shared Services provided to all investigators by the Cancer Center.
5. Attend cancer seminars and program meetings in areas of interest.
6. Report all funded activities to the Cancer Center at the time membership is granted, and as requested by the Director.
7. Include recognition of membership in the Program in Oncology and the Cancer Center on all cancer-related academic papers, grants, journal articles, poster sessions, and/or abstracts.
8. Participate in cancer-related educational activities (both medical and graduate school) sponsored by the Cancer Center.
9. Participate in the Cancer Center core grant program project and training application process as requested.

10. Participate in UMGCCC leadership, advisory or selection committees, grant reviews, community liaison and public relations efforts, recruitment interviews, attendance at retreats, seminars, and lectures.
11. Opportunities to participate in center-organized, pharmaceutical-sponsored group clinical trials.
12. Eligibility to apply for UMGCCC intramural pilot projects and receive UMGCCC Shared Services at discounted rates.
13. Willingness to provide reports on pilot research conducted with UMGCCC.
14. Consultation with launching new diagnostic and therapeutic clinical trials or being partnered with clinicians who can help translate bench discoveries into clinical trials.
15. Evidence of interaction with other UMGCCC members as defined by joint publications, joint grants or joint research activities.
16. Willingness to provide annual NIH biosketch, update of publications, grants obtained and summary of current research interests.

Member Assessment, Continuation and Termination

One of the key missions of the UMGCCC is to nurture multidisciplinary collaborations among University of Maryland clinicians and researchers and thereby facilitate the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Our programs and activities are designed with this mission in mind.

Our effectiveness and continued designation as an NCI-comprehensive cancer center is measured by the research successes of participating members; the productivity and value-added research support of our core facilities; and inter-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary collaborations among our members. The interactive participation of members in UMGCCC-sponsored events and activities, therefore, is an important benchmark of our success, both as an organized research unit of the University of Maryland system, and as an NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center.

Evaluation

UMGCC membership is reviewed annually by the UMGCCC Research Council based on membership criteria. Members must, if requested, submit an updated NIH biosketch for funding and publication evaluation. Membership status may change after annual review. Members may also become inactive.

Termination

If non-participation is determined on a variety of levels, a letter is issued to the member by the director's office. The member is removed from all notification lists, and access to preferred service pricing is discontinued.

Reinstatement

If terminated an appeal with reasonable written justification to the UMGCCC director can be made. This will be followed by a review by the senior leadership, and membership can be reinstated for a 12-month probationary period. At the end of one year, a follow-up review will occur utilizing the same guidelines. Written confirmation of the reinstated membership will also occur at that time.

Future Membership

A former member with new research focus on the cancer problem, evidenced by publications and grants, is eligible to apply for new membership following the standard application procedures.