

Cancer Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Award (CCITLA)

Cancer Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Awards

- Recognize and support outstanding clinical investigators at NCI-designated Cancer Centers who are actively engaged in NCI-funded collaborative clinical trials
- Promote the retention of clinical investigators in academic clinical research careers

Overview

- Competitive award; candidates nominated annually by NCI Cancer Center Directors
- 8 to 12 new awards per year
- \$60,000 per year for 2 years
- At least 15% effort; time protected by sponsoring institution
- 96% of recipients who have completed award (n=124, 2009-2019) are still in academic clinical research positions

Supported Activities

- Include, but not limited to:
 - Engaging fellows and new faculty in collaborative clinical research efforts
 - Organizing courses, lecture/seminar series, educational sessions, workshops related to clinical trials
 - Participating on cancer center committees related to clinical trials
 - Developing clinical trial(s)
 - Designing and implementing initiatives to better coordinate, support and integrate clinical trials efforts at the institution
 - Efforts to improve access, accrual and efficiency of clinical trials

Eligibility

- Practicing at least 3 years but no more than 8 years post-fellowship
- Currently practicing in the oncology clinical setting; board certified
- Full-time faculty member, assistant or associate professor level
- Engaged in conducting NCI-funded cancer clinical trials
- Physician or oncology nurse, clinical psychologist, or similarly qualified clinician with a doctoral degree

Evaluation Criteria

- Training and experience
- Leadership experience in clinical research activities/clinical trials
- Extent of participation in clinical trials and related activities
- Nominee's planned activities to promote a successful clinical research culture at his/her institution
- Institutional commitment to allow at least 15% effort for proposed activities
- Institutional commitment to the career development of the nominee

CCITLA Program

- First awards made in 2009
- 143 recipients through 2021



2021 CCITLA Recipients

2021 Recipients' Disease Focus Areas

- Breast cancer
- Gastrointestinal cancer
- Genitourinary cancer
- Gynecologic cancer
- Melanoma
- Pediatric and adult brain cancer

2021 CCITLA Recipients



Brian Christopher Baumann, MD

Washington University, Siteman Cancer Center

Radiation Oncology/GU Malignancies



Daniel V. T. Catenacci, MD, MS

University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center

Medical Oncology/GI Malignancies

2021 CCITLA Recipients



Kristen K. Ciombor, MD, MSCI

***Vanderbilt University Medical Center,
Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center***

Medical Oncology/GI Malignancies



Bree Ruppert Eaton, MD

***Emory University, Winship Cancer
Institute***

***Radiation Oncology/Pediatric & Adult
Brain Malignancies***

2021 CCITLA Recipients



Zeynep Eroglu, MD

***University of South Florida, H. Lee Moffitt
Cancer Center & Research Institute***

Medical Oncology/GU Malignancies



Joseph W. Kim, MD

Yale Cancer Center

Medical Oncology/GU Malignancies

2021 CCITLA Recipients



Mark V. Mishra, MD

***University of Maryland, Marlene & Stewart
Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center***

Radiation Oncology/GU & CNS Malignancies



Zahi Ibrahim Mitri, MD, MS

***Oregon Health Science University, Knight Cancer
Institute***

Medical Oncology/Breast Malignancies

2021 CCITLA Recipients



Alison M. Schram, MD

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

***Medical Oncology/ Gynecologic
Malignancies***



Nataliya V. Uboha, MD, PhD

***University of Wisconsin, Carbone
Cancer Center***

Medical Oncology/GI Malignancies

**Congratulations to the 2021 NCI Cancer
Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Award
Recipients**



R50 Clinical Scientist and Future CCITLA Programs

R50 Clinical Scientist Research Award: Purpose

- Provide a *career path* and *stable salary support* for outstanding clinician scientists who want to focus on the design and conduct of NCI-funded clinical trials, but not seek independent research funding

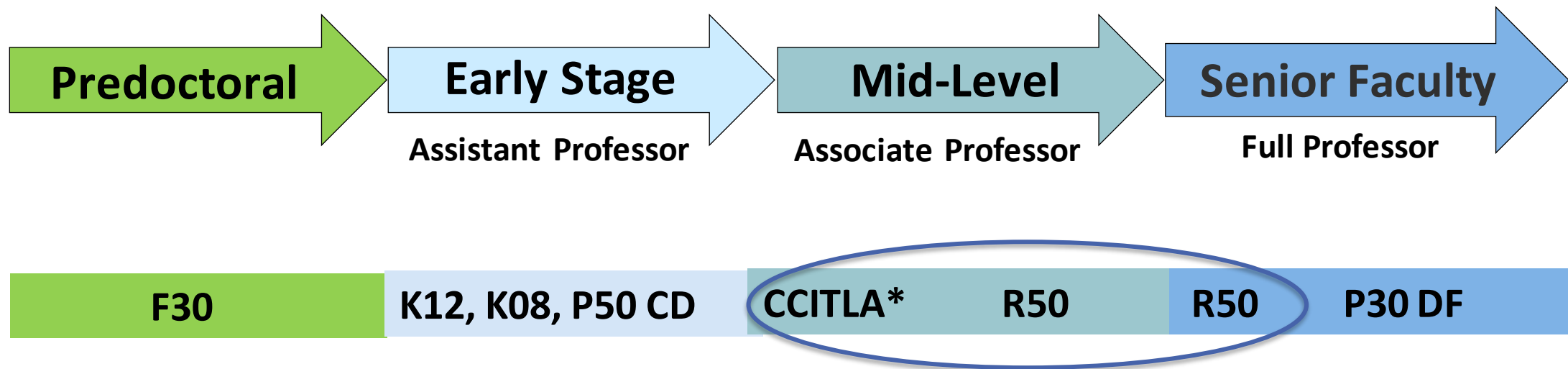
Background

- Outstanding clinical investigators at academic institutions carry out activities that are critical to the success of NCI clinical trials
- Research activities include accruing patients, developing national trials, and providing leadership for the clinical trials infrastructure of institutions
- Clinical duties and requirements to generate clinical revenue make it difficult for clinician investigators to dedicate the necessary time to clinical research activities
- Encouraging a career path in academia with stable funding is vital to retaining these clinician scientists

Portfolio Analysis

- There are no mechanisms currently offered by NCI that provide a clinical career path with *sustained* salary support
- Related mechanisms:
 - Cancer Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Award (CCITLA)
 - P30 Developmental Funds – Clinical Staff Investigator
 - K12 and K08 – Early-stage clinician scientist *mentored* research training
- Research Specialist R50 award mechanisms are for laboratory-based scientists

NCI Grant Funding for Clinician Scientists



*CCITLA switch towards earlier stage

CD=Career Development; DF=Developmental Funds

CCITLA Current Program

- Provides *recognition* and *limited support* for outstanding **mid-career** clinical investigators at NCI-designated Cancer Centers who are actively engaged in NCI-funded collaborative clinical trials
- Administrative supplement to P30 grant; ***not individual award***
- **~ 15% effort** (\$60,000 per year for 2 years); ***non-renewable***
- 8 to 12 awards per year

Proposed R50 Clinical Scientist Award

- Provides a *career path* and *stable salary support* for outstanding clinician scientists to focus on the design and conduct of NCI-funded clinical trials but who do not seek independent research funding
- Individual grant award
- 20 to 40% effort
- 5-year award; renewable
- ~ 25 awards in the first-year

Next Steps

- R50 NCI Research Specialist (Clinician Scientist) Award
 - Concept approved by BSA
 - Funding Announcement in development; targeted release Fall 2021
- Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Award (CCITLA)
 - Plan to seek CTAC input on modification of applicant eligibility criteria after release of R50 Funding Announcement
 - Modifications under consideration:
 - Focus on more junior investigators, assistant professor only
 - Support underrepresented oncologists involved in NCI supported clinical trials

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