



SWOG Early Stage Investigator Training Course Request for Applications A Training & Mentorship Program

OVERVIEW

SWOG is committed to supporting investigators early in their clinical research careers through mentorship, professional development, and research support. Established in 1999, the SWOG Early Stage Investigator Training Course (ESITC) is the hallmark program for its early career members. SWOG's charitable arm, The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research, funds the program.

The ESITC gives new investigators the opportunity to work one-on-one with SWOG's most experienced leaders to develop a rigorous, relevant, and feasible SWOG trial concept to launch within the NCI's National Clinical Trials Network.

The ESITC involves intensive mentorship and an online course and culminates in a three-day workshop with SWOG leaders in Seattle, WA. The course plays a central role in fostering new leadership and ensuring the longevity and legacy of SWOG's cancer research program. Past attendees have taken on various leadership roles and have gone on to launch dozens of SWOG trials.

ELIGIBILITY

Participants are expected to have previous experience within SWOG or make a future commitment to do so. 4-6 are selected each year.

Applicants should fit one of the following descriptions:

- Oncology fellow
(including medical, surgical, radiation oncology; prevention, etc.)
- Clinical scientist or research scientist
(Assistant or Associate Professor, Instructor or Lecturer; 0-10 years of experience)
- Clinical scientist or research scientist at the faculty level
(if from a discipline other than Medical Oncology)

LOGISTICS

All costs for the workshop including travel, meals, lodging, and materials are free of charge to the selected investigators and their institutions. Travel arrangements are made with assistance from – and all costs are covered directly by – The Hope Foundation.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must include:

- NIH Biosketch
- Letter of Interest
- Letter of Recommendation from Institutional Sponsor
- Letter of Support from applicable SWOG committee chair
- Scientific Plan
- Assurances & Signatures page

See application form and details at [the program page](#).

When deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, application deadline is automatically extended to the next business day.

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