

University of Vermont Cancer Center
Master Trialist Program
February 2025
****This opportunity is not current active****

Program: The University of Vermont Cancer Center will provide 10% salary support of for one individual to serve as **Master Trialist** for the UVM Cancer Center. Support will be provided for two consecutive one-year terms, with evaluation of productivity after year 1 to assess for continued year 2 support.

Rationale: UVMCC seeks to promote enrollment to therapeutic and other interventional clinical trials in order to provide the best opportunities for patients with cancer. Academic development and assistance of clinician investigators supports this goal¹.

Eligibility: Faculty level (assistant, associate or full professor) UVM Cancer Center members who have UVM Medical Center medical staff privileges are eligible to apply.

Funds will be available beginning 7/1/25 and will be allocated to the appropriate department and/or division.

Deliverables: The Master Trialist will have the following responsibilities:

1. Enroll no less than 25 patients per year (July through June) to interventional* oncology or malignant hematology clinical research studies.
2. No less than half of the enrollments should be to treatment trials for patients with cancer.
3. Evaluate gaps in disease specific portfolios and provide recommendations to TDT disease specific leaders about potential studies to enhance accruals.
4. Work with UVM Cancer Center clinical research leadership and NRG and Alliance site principal investigators to identify NCTN studies appropriate for the Cancer Center portfolio.
5. Development of new investigator-initiated trials is encouraged but not a requirement.
6. Participate as a member of the quarterly Clinical Research Oversight Committee.

A progress report is due at the completion of the first year of funding and should document achievement of the above deliverables. If enrollment to interventional trials in year 1 equals or exceeds 35 patients, consideration will be given to increasing the level of salary support to 15% for year 2

* Interventional studies may include treatment, prevention, diagnostic, screening, supportive care and health services research.

Timelines:

Request for Applications (RFA) announcement: February 17, 2025

Proposal due date: March 14, 2025, 5:00pm

Notification of awards: April 1, 2025

Start date of award: July 1, 2025

Submission guidelines:

Applications should be submitted to Ed North, Grants Manager, UVMCC, as a single electronic PDF document: Edward.north@med.uvm.edu

Content should include the following:

- All materials should be completed in Arial font, 11 point, with page margins of 1 inch top/bottom/sides
 - File should be titled as: MT_LastName_FirstName_Date
 - In a single page describe the following:
 - Current activities related to cancer clinical trials
 - Listing of trials for which candidate serves as PI and co-investigator
 - Number of enrollments to interventional trials over the past 12 months (to personally directed trials and other trials for which candidate is not PI)
 - Indicate plans to meet the program deliverables
 - Indicate how this program supports candidate's career goals
- Include the signed approval form by Department Chair (and Division Chief if applicable)

Proposals will be evaluated by a committee.

¹ **Holcombe RF**, Verschraegen C, Chapman AE, Gaffney D, Goldberg RM, Mesa RA, Milhem M, Mims MP, Mitchell EP, Mulkerin D, Vijayakumar S. Status of the clinician investigator in America: An essential health care provider driving advances in cancer care. Journal NCCN, 2021;19:122-125.

Please contact Dr. Holcombe for any questions, concerns, or feedback at:

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DEPARTMENTAL/DIVISIONAL APPROVAL FORM

Chair Name: _____

Chair Department: _____

Chair Email: _____

Division Chief Name: _____

Division: _____

Division Chief Email: _____

Applicant Name: _____

I am aware that the above named applicant has applied for support through the University of Vermont Cancer Center Master Trialist Program. With my signature below I am providing authorization for this application and confirm departmental/divisional support for the applicant, if awarded, to the execution of the goals and objectives of this initiative, throughout its duration.

Chair Signature

Date

Chief Signature (if applicable)

Date

Signed form to be included with application materials.