

Annual Call for Nominations

to Highlight Early Career Scientists Conducting Research within the Mission of the NCI Division of Cancer Prevention

Purpose

The purpose for this call for nominations is to highlight early career scientists who are advancing research within the areas supported by the Division of Cancer Prevention (DCP) at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Individuals selected for this communications campaign will be featured on the NCI DCP website and in social media led by the Division. Selected individuals will also be considered for opportunities to present their research to an NCI audience. The overall goal is to increase visibility of and provide recognition to the early-career scientists conducting research within the areas supported by DCP.

DCP Scientific Scope

DCP furthers the mission of the National Cancer Institute by leading, supporting, and promoting rigorous, innovative research and training to prevent cancer and its consequences to improve the health of all people. DCP supports research spanning the full translational spectrum, from preclinical (e.g., cell and tissue culture, animal models) to clinical (e.g., small early phase clinical trials to large phase III studies) research focused on the following areas:

- Cancer Early Detection Biomarker Development and Screening
- Intervention Development for Cancer Prevention
- Precision Cancer Prevention
- Symptom Science and Management

For more information about DCP's priority research areas view: [Scientific Scope](#) and [Major Programs](#).

Eligibility for Nomination

- **Conducting research** within the areas outlined above. Interdisciplinary research is also welcomed if relevant to the aforementioned areas listed. If you have questions about this, please contact NCIDCPworkforce@mail.nih.gov.
- **Early career** defined as Ph.D., M.D., or other doctoral degree holder either currently in a post-degree training position (e.g., postdoctoral fellows, physician-scientists in fellowships or research training positions, research fellows, clinician-scientists in research training positions) or current early career faculty (e.g., assistant professors, instructional program manager, research assistant professors), including those who have not received prior R01-equivalent support or those who have a currently active R01-equivalent award as an early-stage investigator (ESI) or new investigator (NI). In general, the nominee should be no more than 12 years beyond their terminal degree and/or are in entry-level positions within their research fields.
- **Must be nominated** by an individual who receives current NIH funding and has a connection to DCP-related research areas.

Nomination Materials to Submit

- Required Application Cover Form (email NCIDCPworkforce@mail.nih.gov to receive the blank form)
- [NIH biosketch](#)
- Abstract summarizing current DCP-related research (no more than 350 words)
- Letter of support from nominator (no more than 1 page)

Submit all materials listed above in one pdf to NCIDCPworkforce@mail.nih.gov Due Date: July 31, 2025