Purdue Center for Cancer Research (PCCR) Membership Guidelines

Full Members*

Full members will meet at least one of the following criteria
- Principal or co-principal investigator on peer reviewed, cancer-related grants from external agencies
- Project leader on cancer-related program project grant or equivalent
- Co-Investigators with % effort on peer reviewed, cancer-related grants from external agencies who play a vital role in the scientific activities of the grant

Associate Members*

Associate members will meet at least one of the following criteria
- Investigators performing cancer-relevant research and in the process of seeking funding
- Value-added complement to research such as, but not limited to: pathology, radiology, comparative oncology

Affiliate Members*

- Engaged in cancer-related research as documented by a strong record of peer-reviewed publications of direct relevance to cancer in direct collaboration with an associate or full member. This membership will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will include those at other NCI-designated cancer centers. If the evidence of strong collaboration dissipates, then the membership of the candidate will be evaluated immediately.

Emeritus Members*

- This category relates to retired or senior faculty who contribute to the overall mission of the Center and are active participants in PCCR activities. These Emeritus/Senior faculty retain interest and participation in PCCR activities.

*All membership categories require academic appointments (Research, Clinical, or Tenure Track) at Purdue University

Application Process

Consideration for membership in the Purdue Center for Cancer Research can be initiated by nomination of a faculty member from her/his department head or by recommendation from the appropriate Center Program Leader. Individuals applying for Full or Associate membership should submit an application form, available from Center Administration or the Cancer Center Website, to Douglas Cuttell. The application should include:
1. the nominated letter of support
2. a statement describing the scope and relevance of the individual's cancer-related research
3. proposed affiliation with one of the Purdue Center for Cancer Research programs
4. an NIH biographical sketch and current/pending grant support with the cancer-related support highlighted

The application will be reviewed Program Leader and Co-leader, evaluated by the PCCR Executive Committee and a recommendation submitted to the Director. Final appointments will be made by the Center Director.

Membership Privileges

**Full, Associate and Emeritus Members**
- Center rates when using PCCR Shared Resources
- Access to PCCR internal peer reviewed funding mechanisms
- Committee service privileges

**Affiliate Member**
- Committee service privileges

Membership Review

Center Members will be reviewed every three (3) years by the Executive Committee (which includes Program Leaders). Full and associate members will be expected to meet PCCR membership criteria for their respective membership category, as evidenced by continued productivity in cancer-related research (peer-reviewed publications; currently active, cancer-related peer reviewed grants; training activities in cancer; national and community service including study sections, consultation to NCI etc.) and service to the PCCR (administrative contributions; PCCR committees, in house peer-review activities; community/educational activities).

Affiliate members will be evaluated every year. If the evidence of strong collaboration dissipates, then the membership of the candidate will be evaluated immediately.

At the discretion of the Executive Committee and Center Director, previously funded and productive senior investigators with cancer-focused research programs, who no longer have external funding but remain productive and are seeking support, may be retained as members. The period of time without external funding should not exceed 4 years.

Those members who have left the University or whose activities no longer meet the requirements for membership of the PCCR will have their membership terminated.