



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The International Cancer Foundation Methods in Clinical Research Workshop for African Investigators

Increasing Clinical Research in Africa through Workforce Development

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A comprehensive skill and capacity building program for African investigators to gain the knowledge and resources to increase the number of clinical trials in Africa. This program starts with a three-day clinical research workshop in Accra, Ghana followed by continued mentorship, didactic learning, and practical training. Participants will learn the fundamentals of cancer research and how to run a research program.

Who Should Attend?

Physicians practicing in medical, hematologic, radiation, pediatric, surgical and gynecologic oncology in the Western region of Africa. Physicians should have support from their institution to further their research program. A research nurse or study coordinator from the physician's institution will be expected to participate along with physician for the duration of the program.

A selection committee will accept and review applications based on the criteria outlined below.

- Quality of the proposed research protocol (innovation, relevance, feasibility and applicability).
- Level of commitment by the applicant and the sponsor (Program Supervisor or Department Head).

Submitted documents will be evaluated for the information supplied about the candidate, the assurances provided about the participation of the candidate, and the support for the proposed research project from the home institute.

Due to limited space, a total of 10 investigators along with their research nurse or coordinator will be selected on a competitive basis by evaluation of submitted concepts and other supporting documents.

Learning Objectives

- Enhancing clinical research in Africa through development of a cadre of well-trained African investigators.
- Educating participants about the principles of good clinical trial design and providing the necessary tools required to conduct trials.
- Guiding participants to identify various challenges of clinical research, particularly in underserved populations, and providing advice and education on how to overcome these challenges.
- Providing ongoing mentorship to investigators through career-long relationships with workshop faculty.
- Reducing cancer health disparities through increased clinical research targeting globally underserved populations.
- Up to 3 investigators along with their research nurse or coordinator will be selected to attend a 4-week practical training at a prestigious United States cancer research institute.
- All participants will create a clinical trial protocol, ready for implementation, by the end of the program.

Application Requirements

Application DEADLINE

April 15, 2026



LOCATION

Labadi Beach Hotel
Number One, La Road
Accra, Ghana
<https://labadibeachhotelgh.com>

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Letter of Commitment: Submit a statement (no more than 300 words) explaining why you wish to participate in this workshop. Be sure that your statement provides the following information:

- Your area of training and date of completed training (if applicable).
- Your research background.
- Why this workshop will assist in designing and conducting of the trial outlined in your protocol.
- Your research goals for the next five years.
- A commitment to participate in the long-term evaluation process of this Workshop by responding to questionnaires when requested.
- A commitment to make all reasonable efforts to conduct the study developed during the workshop.

Curriculum Vitae: Please submit a focused personal curriculum vitae or personal statement (no more than 500 words). Please include educational qualifications and the institution where they were acquired and list any publications in a peer-reviewed scientific journal on which you appeared as an author.

A research nurse or coordinator from your institution should also describe their research experience and explain how their role will support your project.

Concept Outline The concept outline should be brief and include the following:

- Title (30 words or less)
- Background (300 words or less) including topic of investigation, proposed intervention and rationale for trial.
- Study design and target population (300 words or less)
- Outcomes (300 words or less) including primary and secondary outcomes used to evaluate intervention.
- Feasibility (300 words or less) including number of patients, site and length of trial.

Letters of Support: Have your Program Supervisor or Department Head submit a statement in support of your application for this Workshop. This statement should include the following information:

- Capacity and length of relationship with the applicant.
- Assessment of the applicant's performance.
- A commitment to enable the candidate to conduct the clinical trial protocol developed at the workshop (if possible) including confirmation of the feasibility of the trial to be conducted in the existing department.