

Research Director, Osher Center for Integrative Health at the University of Cincinnati

Founded in 1819, the University of Cincinnati embarks upon its third century – building on the past and defining the future by leading urban, public universities into a new era of innovation and impact through its strategic direction, [Next Lives Here](#). Underscoring the power of creativity, ingenuity, invention and inclusion, what's Next will accelerate our unrivaled momentum, evidenced by eight straight years of record enrollment and rankings that include placement among America's top 100 public universities by *U.S. News & World Report*. Home to a diverse student body of nearly 47,000 and more than 4,200 distinguished faculty, the university combines its Research 1 (Very High Research Activity) Carnegie Classification with a physical setting that The New York Times recently acclaimed as “the most ambitious campus design program in the country.

Job Overview

The UC Cancer Center, in conjunction with the Osher Center for Integrative Health (the Osher Center) in Cincinnati, Ohio seeks an experienced research director to lead and expand integrative and lifestyle medicine research at the Osher Center, with a focus on integrative oncology. This position will be the Carrie K. Hayden Endowed Chair of Integrative Oncology Research. Candidate will lead integrative oncology research design, protocols and funding to inform evidence-based practices of integrative therapies, such as acupuncture or mind-body therapies, and/or lifestyle approaches such nutrition and exercise, for the prevention and treatment of cancer and throughout cancer survivorship. This individual will collaborate with University of Cincinnati and UC Health leadership to enrich the strategic research direction.

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

Endowed chairs are leaders within our university and health system whose major responsibility is to assure and continuously improve the delivery of high-quality, innovative and evidence-based care to patients and research. This is a full-time leadership research position for an individual interested in furthering his/her academic research career with a focus on integrative oncology, and building a world-class research program broadly assessing integrative and lifestyle medicine approaches to healthy living.

The Research Chair will be responsible for building a sustainable integrative oncology research portfolio that will align with University of Cincinnati research priorities, the Osher Center, the Cancer Center, and UC Health system priorities. She/he/they will work closely with the Medical Directors of UC Health Integrative Medicine and Survivorship, as well as other researchers and clinicians at the Cancer Center to achieve said aims. The Research Chair will also work with other Osher Center faculty to develop synergies across campus and mentor Integrative and Lifestyle Medicine project faculty. The position is primarily research-focused in nature, with 20% protected for Administrative time to achieve the above stated goals. As an academic health system, education time will be considered for this position with appropriate support for these activities.

Essential Functions

Develop and lead a high performing multi-disciplinary and inter-professional team of experts focused on researching integrative oncology and integrative/lifestyle medicine. In particular, focusing on the investigation of novel, interdisciplinary research questions related to identifying, testing and implementing effective integrative oncology clinical research protocols. Particular interest in candidates who focus on optimizing wellness during post-active treatment phase and secondary prevention via integrative/lifestyle medicine approaches.

Specifically:

- Develop a world-class integrative oncology research program seen as a local, national, and international leader in the field.
- Work with the UC Health clinical care teams in strategic partnership to define and design long-term academic directions and build a network of researchers and educators with interests in integrative oncology/lifestyle medicine.
- Act as a national resource for evidence-based evaluation of integrative oncology/medicine and cost-effective medical care.
- Facilitate inter-institutional and interdisciplinary research across the university community.
- Develop and maintain her/his own research program in a relevant area and mentor junior faculty, pre-and post-doctoral fellows, staff, and medical students.
- Conduct several areas of research such as:
 - Epidemiology research to evaluate risk factors (e.g. clinical, psychological) and biomarkers (e.g. genetic, inflammatory) associated with the symptom burden of cancer treatment;
 - Clinical trials research to develop and test novel interventions that address common symptoms of cancer patients (e.g. pain, insomnia, fatigue, and cognitive impairment) or address secondary prevention and wellness protocols post-treatment; or
 - Dissemination and implementation research to determine optimal approaches to ensure research evidence is translated into community settings to improve patient outcomes, particularly in under-resourced communities
- Examine a broad range of integrative therapies and lifestyle medicine approaches for cancer prevention, control, treatment, and secondary prevention.
- Secure funding, grant writing, develop and implement research protocols, manage study staff, analyze data, and prepare manuscripts/presentations.

- Actively assure compliance with federal and state regulatory requirements, as well as UC and UC Health policies and standard operating procedures.
- Commit to understanding the budget and financial drivers of the research activity within designated scope, including visibility to and annual input on the operating and capital budgets.

The Research Chair holds an academic leadership position at the University of Cincinnati and will have a reporting relationship and accountability to the Director of the Osher Center for Integrative Health and the Co-Directors of the Cancer Center. Reporting to Department Chair of her/his sub-specialty TBD. Continuation of the appointment is contingent upon satisfactory progress toward goals and leadership evaluation.

Minimum Requirements

PhD, MD or doctoral equivalent in fields such as Health Outcomes Research, Psychology, Neuroscience, Behavioral Science, Nutrition, Exercise Physiology, Epidemiology, Naturopathic Medicine, Medicine or other field related to the practice and research of integrative oncology and integrative/lifestyle medicine

- At least 5-7 years of post-doctoral research experience in a related field
- Experience implementing clinical trials and/or observational studies of integrative oncology therapies and/or lifestyle medicine programs
- Strong quantitative, qualitative and analytic skills
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Successful track record of funding, grant writing, and manuscript publication
- Evidence of national and international reputation
- Demonstrated ability to work well within interdisciplinary teams and collaborations
- Experience working with under-resourced communities strongly preferred
- A commitment to transforming health care delivery and policy through science
- Experience with quality improvement methodology

The Research Chair shall demonstrate proficiency within 1 year, and develop expertise within 3 years, in performance improvement methods and data-driven decision-making. Training, coaching and experiential learning will be provided by the CMO office and UC Health.

The Research Chair shall commit to continuously improving leadership skills consistent with organizational needs and methods.

The Research Chair will be assessed on results achieved within their strategically aligned set of goals as well as leadership assessment using direct observation, self-assessment and 360o team evaluations.

Interested candidates, please go to: bit.ly/UC_OsherResDir

*The University of Cincinnati, as a multi-national and culturally diverse university, is committed to providing an inclusive, equitable and diverse place of learning and employment. As part of a complete job application you will be asked to include a **Contribution to Diversity and Inclusion** statement.*

As a UC employee, and an employee of an Ohio public institution, if hired you will not contribute to the federal Social Security system, other than contributions to Medicare. Instead, UC employees have the option to contribute to a state retirement plan (OPERS, STRS) or an alternative retirement plan (ARP).

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