



CANCER PREVENTION &
RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

**PRE-RFA
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Research Training Awards

2009–2010

1. ABOUT CPRIT

The State of Texas has established the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) to fund grants for cancer research and prevention over the next decade to reduce the impact of cancer on Texans; CPRIT may issue \$3 billion in general obligation bonds over 10 years to fund grants for cancer research and prevention.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CPRIT has approved the issuance of Research Training Awards with an anticipated Request for Application (RFA) release date in the fall of 2009. The RFA will contain detailed information regarding eligibility, mechanisms of support, receipt dates, and application evaluation.

The goals of the Research Training Awards are to (1) attract outstanding predoctoral (Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D.) and postdoctoral candidates committed to pursuing a career in basic or translational cancer research, (2) expand the skills and expertise of candidates to promote the next generation of investigators and leaders in cancer research, (3) position trainees for independent research careers, and (4) support the development of high-quality, innovative, and creative research that, if successful, could provide the basis for significant impact on cancer prevention, detection, and/or treatment. In addition to support of predoctoral and postdoctoral research training, potential opportunities include master's degree-level programs to train clinical investigators, undergraduate summer research internship programs, including those directed at recruitment of underrepresented minorities, and master's degree-level programs to encourage the pursuit of alternative careers in laboratory support positions.

Awards will be made for institutional programs. Individual fellowship applications will not be considered.

3. KEY DATES

RFA release	October 2009
Online application opens	November 2009
Application due	March 2010
Application review	May 2010
Award notification	June 2010
Anticipated start date	July 2010

4. SCIENTIFIC AND PROGRAMMATIC QUESTIONS

Questions regarding the CPRIT program, including questions regarding this or other funding opportunities, should be directed to the CPRIT Scientific Review Office:

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