

# Guidelines and Selection Criteria for UPMC Hillman Cancer Center EMERGING SCHOLAR AWARD

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center established these awards to recognize the accomplishments of emerging faculty for advancements in cancer research. The award recognizes outstanding, novel, and significant cancer research that has led to important contributions to the fields of basic cancer research, translational cancer research, cancer diagnosis, prevention of cancer, and cancer treatment. One winner will be chosen in each of three categories, as appropriate. Each winner will give a lecture at one of the weekly 2024-25 Hillman Basic & Translational Research Seminars and will receive a commemorative award and \$700 honorarium.

## Eligibility Criteria

- This award is open to all researchers who are active faculty of UPMC Hillman Cancer Center and are involved in cancer research.
- The award will be presented to an emerging faculty at the rank of Assistant Professor, Research Assistant Professor, or Research Instructor.
  - Associate or Full Professors are NOT eligible for this award.
- Selection of the award winner will be based on quality, novelty and significance of the candidate's cancer research and its important contributions to the missions of UPMC Hillman Cancer Center.
- Criteria for the selection of the award recipient include (1) extramural funding, (2) quality and impact of peer-reviewed articles, (3) novelty of research direction, and (4) service to UPMC Hillman Cancer Center and/or the University of Pittsburgh.

## Nomination Process

- Nominations may be made by any member of UPMC Hillman Cancer Center regardless of programmatic affiliation. There is no restriction on the number of candidates who may be nominated by any individual faculty.
- **A completed nomination form must be submitted along with a nomination letter.**
- **Nominations must be emailed to Serena Holliday at [hollidaysm3@upmc.edu](mailto:hollidaysm3@upmc.edu) by August 5, 2024, to be eligible.**
- Nominations after the deadline will NOT be accepted. Paper nominations will NOT be accepted.
- The evaluation committee is comprised of UPMC Hillman Cancer Center retreat committee members and prior research awardees.

## Nomination Form

1. Briefly state the past three years of accomplishments of the nominee, including grant funding and novelty and impact of nominee's research program (not to exceed half a page).
2. Briefly indicate the significant professional recognitions, honors, and leadership roles in relevant national and international organizations, as appropriate (not to exceed half a page).
3. List all publications from the past three years (including impact factor and number of citations) from the nominee's laboratory.

**Nomination Form**  
**UPMC Hillman Cancer Center**  
**EMERGING SCHOLAR AWARD**

**The submission deadline for nominations is Monday, August 5, 2024**

**Nominee**

**Name:**

**Department:**

**Academic Rank:**

**Campus Mail Address:**

**Campus Phone:**

**Nominated by:**

**Name:**

**Campus Mail Address:**

**Campus Phone:**

**Category (please prioritize by numbering 1 [highest priority] through 3):**

Basic Science

Clinical / Translational Science

Population Science

**Research Program (Program Leaders) (please check one):**

Biobehavioral Cancer Control (D. Bovbjerg, K. Schmitz)

Cancer Biology (R. Buckanovich, S. Oesterreich)

Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention (J. Herman, J-M Yuan)

Cancer Immunology and Immunotherapy (G. Delgoffe, H. Zarour)

Cancer Therapeutics (J. Beumer, A. Brufsky, P. Wipf)

Cancer Virology (S-J Gao, H. Guo)

Genome Stability (P. Opresko)

**Please provide the following information:**

1. Briefly state the past three years of accomplishments of the nominee, including grant funding and novelty and impact of nominee's research program (not to exceed half a page).

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**To submit this form:**

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