The purpose of the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center Training Navigator program is to use focused and feasible approaches to meet Nebraska's cancer research education needs and to address disparities by facilitating the cancer research training of scholars, including predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees and early faculty members. We cannot find and train the next generation of cancer researchers and health care providers without your help. If you are interested in having Misty Pocwierz-Gaines speak with your students about opportunities for them in cancer research careers, please email her at misty.pocwierz@unmc.edu. She is happy to present on topics such as maximizing their undergraduate experience, preparing for graduate school as well as on the Summer Undergraduate Research program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
Advancement in the detection and treatment of cancer continues to accelerate through ground-breaking research, yet cancer remains one of the most complex and challenging problems of biomedical research.

As a cancer researcher, you'll work to better understand the causes of cancer, improve the methods for diagnosis and improve treatment and prevention methods. The answers you find may save a life you know — or your own.

We're in an exciting new dawn in biomedical science where we will see many cures previously deemed impossible.

Why Study Cancer Research at UNMC?

All Cancer Research MS students receive a stipend of $16,500 and a tuition waiver. Additionally, UNMC students’ fees and health insurance are paid for the student.

Graduates with the UNMC Cancer Research MS degree have taken positions in personalized medicine counseling, in management of research laboratories, and in directing community-based health projects.

Graduates have gone on to careers such as bench scientist with an international pharmaceutical company, research associate at a research technology company, and as manager in research laboratory.

The Cancer Research Master’s Program
The Cancer Research Doctoral Program

The IGPBS - Cancer Research doctoral program provides broad-based training in all aspects of cancer biology, equipping students to use cutting-edge experimental approaches to address the molecular basis of cancer, as well as the means of enhancing the detection and treatment of cancer. Cancer researchers at UNMC are engaged in work that addresses the root causes of cancer, as well as the means of enhancing the detection and treatment of cancer.

All Cancer Research Doctoral Program students receive a yearly stipend of $33,000. Student fees and tuition for all Cancer Research Doctoral Program and Master's Program students are also covered.
Student Life at BCC

We provide many opportunities for students to engage with each other and with the community. These experiences include but are not limited to, presenting skin cancer information and hands-on activities to families, having potlucks, trunk or treat events for pediatric patients and their families, March Madness Ping Pong Tournaments, and costume contests.
NIH Post Baccalaureate Program

This program is for recent college graduates considering graduate or professional school in healthcare and STEM fields. These are full-time research positions within one of the NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) in the NIH Intramural Research Program. Research groups are located on many NIH campuses, including the main campus in Bethesda, MD. Postbacs train in research groups directed by a Principal Investigator (PI). The NIH offers research opportunities in the biomedical, behavioral, and social sciences with opportunities to explore basic, translational, and clinical research. Students with experience in biology, engineering, epidemiology, psychology, mathematics, chemistry, pharmaceutical sciences, nursing, physics, computer science, bioinformatics, and other health-related fields are invited to apply. Learn more at https://www.training.nih.gov/research-training/pb/pb/

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