

Biobehavioral Oncology Training Program

Request for Applications

PURPOSE

The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) Cancer Center in Milwaukee is accepting fellowship application for the two-year Biobehavioral Oncology Training (BBOT) Program offering postdoctoral research training. The program integrates the cross-cutting theme of cancer disparities from prevention to survivorship. Preceptors are members of MCW's Cancer Center.

The interdisciplinary BBOT Program considers the role of biological and behavioral factors in cancer prevention, control, and treatment through the integration of two themes: 1) the biology of stress and disparities, and 2) social determinants of health, behavior, and outcomes. The program is supported by an NCI T32 award. Program objectives include cultivating successful, independent cancer research leaders from diverse population groups to address cancer health disparities by integrating biological and behavioral aspects into their research.



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Current CV
- Three letters of recommendation (including one from an academic mentor)
- Two writing samples (preferably published)
- A brief personal statement of research interests including recent accomplishments and future plans related to biobehavioral oncology; (2 pg./1,000 word max.)
- Applications received by April 15, 2026 given priority; additional applications will be considered based on a case by case basis. Start date: Fall 2026



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MENTORS

BBOT mentors are all funded PIs with cancer-relevant extramural support. Mentors include PhDs, MDs, and MD/PhDs appointed in over 12 departments and interdepartmental programs representing basic, clinical, and population sciences.

Collectively, mentors have significant expertise in epidemiology, cancer biology, genetics, biostatistics, neuroscience, immunology, and behavioral medicine and interventions, offering research opportunities focusing on the interactions of genetic, molecular, neural, psychological, behavioral, and social factors and their impact on cancer.

Theme: Biological Basis of Stress & Disparities

[Paul Auer, PhD](#)
[Andreas Beyer, PhD](#)
[Terri deRoon Cassini, PhD](#)
[William Drobyski, MD](#)
[Joseph Goveas, MD](#)
[Heather Himburg, PhD](#)
[Karin Hoffmeister, MD](#)
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[Jennifer Knight, MD, MS*](#)
[John Mantsch, PhD](#)
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Theme: Behavior & Social Determinants of Health

[Kirsten Beyer, PhD, MPH](#)
[Matthew Delling, PhD](#)
[Julia Dickson-Gomez, PhD](#)
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