

## **Chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Oncology University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix**

The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix invites applications, inquiries and nominations for its inaugural Chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Oncology. The Department is being formed to serve as the academic home for the clinical and research faculty whose primary focus is carrying out advanced cancer basic and translational research including cancer diagnosis, prevention and treatment. This is an unparalleled opportunity for an oncology-focused academic leader to build a substantial research and clinical program as a member of the University of Arizona Cancer Center. The Chair will have significant resources to build with, including a brand new, NCI-affiliated Clinical Cancer Center, dedicated floors in a soon to be completed research building, significant support for investigator recruitments, co-location with renowned research institutions, and plans to hire dozens of additional academic clinical faculty in partnership with Dignity Health.

As the first allopathic college of medicine in the nation's fifth largest city, the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix (COM-P) proudly fulfills its mission to provide the next generation of health care leaders with an expanding and excelling student body, robust and talented faculty, innovative curriculum, leading edge research abilities and ever-increasing impact on the local community. The College is a key component of the Phoenix Biomedical Campus, 28-acres composed of various bioscience and education projects, with plans in place for more than six million square feet of biomedical-related research, academic and clinical facilities. The College of Medicine is part of The University of Arizona Health Sciences, which consists of 5 health science colleges and 23 centers and institutes dedicated to research and patient care.

In 2011, Dignity St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and the University of Arizona Cancer Center, the only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center headquartered in Arizona, formed an innovative collaboration to offer unparalleled cancer care in Phoenix. The University of Arizona Cancer Center at Dignity Health in Phoenix opened in the fall of 2015 and serves as the outpatient clinical and research anchor for the Department.

The inaugural Chair will provide strategic leadership and direction for all aspects of the department, working in union with the College, Cancer Center and Dignity St. Joseph's Hospital. The Chair will be responsible for all planning, policy, operations and oversight of academic and research programs of the department. The Chair will be tasked with identifying and building the research themes of emphasis, and ensure that they are clinically relevant and ultimately serve the unique needs of the community and state. The Chair reports directly to the Dean for all academic and research activities, and has a dual reporting relationship to the UA Cancer Center Director for all basic and clinical activities conducted at the University of Arizona Cancer Center at Dignity Health.

The successful candidate will have an international reputation for scholarly activity, established and continuing independent NIH-funded sponsored research portfolio, and the experience, vision and energy to recruit and mentor basic, translational and clinical investigators. Exceptional leadership, managerial and collaborative skills are required, as is the ability to thrive in a complex, collaborative and nascent environment. A physician scientist, or non-physicians with a strong understanding of translational and clinical cancer research will be considered.

Confidential inquiries, nominations, expressions of interest and candidate materials (including a letter of interest and CV) should be submitted via email to the University of Arizona's search consultants: Karen Otto, and Jeff Schroetlin at [UACOMPoncology@wittkiewer.com](mailto:UACOMPoncology@wittkiewer.com); phone 630-575-6972.