

Information on Scientific Membership: Please Join Our Efforts

Mission

The mission of the Children's Memorial Research Center is to generate new knowledge leading to advancements in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases that affect the development of children through adolescence as well as adult disorders that derive from them. Our multidisciplinary teams of physicians, scientists, technicians, nurses and trainees are committed to making discoveries that will improve the lives of children and their families.

Membership

Benefits:

1. Eligibility for CMRC internal funding mechanisms, including seed grants, bridge funding and career development awards (**Full Members only**).
2. Access for properly credentialed members and their trainees at member rates to CMRC Core Facilities, including:
 - a. Microarray Facility
 - b. High Speed Sorting Facility
 - c. Flow Cytometry Facility
 - d. Microscopy and Imaging Core Facility
 - e. Sequencing Core Facility
 - f. Research Histology Core Facility
 - g. Viral Vector Core Facility
 - h. Research Design and Biostatistics Core Facility
3. Access to CMRC-wide educational seminars and written and electronic communications.

Responsibilities:

1. Participation in scholarly activities of CMRC.
2. Acceptance of academic or administrative service to CMRC (i.e., committees, task forces, etc.)
3. Continuation of membership (reviewed every three years) depends on continued activity similar to that justifying initial membership designation.
4. All members must submit a brief synopsis of related or supportive activity at the time of review.
5. All publications will include an acknowledgement of CMRC.

Types:

1. **Full Scientific Member** (Two of the three requirements are necessary for membership.)
 - a. Anyone who serves as a Principal Investigator ("PI") or Co-PI on a research proposal or protocol (active or submitted) which advances the mission of the CMRC
 - b. Anyone who demonstrates a clear and sustained commitment to the CMRC by regular participation in its scholarly activities
 - c. Affiliation with a Northwestern University ("NU") department or other scientific or academic institution.

2. Associate Scientific Member

- a. Eligible member from NU or other scientific or academic institution who demonstrates an ongoing effort in supporting the CMRC's fulfillment of its mission.

Eligibility:

1. Northwestern University Faculty
2. Other qualified researchers

Requirements:

1. Research investigators holding faculty or staff appointment(s) at Children's Memorial Medical Center (CMMC) and/or the Northwestern University (NU) or other scientific or academic institution.
2. Evidence of interest in areas related to child health and disease or pediatric antecedents of adult disease
3. Clear and sustained commitment to participation in collaborative research, clinical and/or educational programs of CMRC.

Application Process

1. On the application form, fill in identifying and demographic information as noted.
2. Based on the criteria listed, choose whether you wish to be considered for membership as a Full or Collaborating member. If desired, the Membership Committee will assist you with this choice.
3. Choose up to two Programs or Centers (listed below) that you feel are most relevant to your interests, and that have members with whom you have research collaborations or common interests.
4. If you have chosen two Programs, please indicate which you feel represents your primary area of interest.
5. Provide brief answers to the additional questions on the application form.
6. Submit the application form and a copy of your NIH biosketch or brief resumé to:

Peg Rainey
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Electronic submissions are preferred. Please send application materials as an attachment to: prainey@childrensmemorial.org.

7. Further membership information and applications are available at the CMRC web site: <http://www.childrensmrc.org/>.

Programs

Cancer Biology and Epigenomics
Developmental Biology
Experimental Therapeutics
Human Molecular Genetics
Molecular & Cellular Pathobiology
Neurobiology
Smith Child Health Research

Centers

Clinical Trials Research
Falk Brain Tumor Research
HIV/AIDS Research
Obesity Management & Prevention
Research Training Program