



The Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Oncology) Funded Places

Cancer Trials Australia has partnered with the University of Melbourne to provide financial support for four clinical research professionals to attend the Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Oncology).

The Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Oncology) places funded by Cancer Trials Australia will assist promising oncologists in training, clinical trial nurses and health professionals.

About the Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Oncology)

The Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Oncology) has been designed to give a better understanding of the essential components and features of successful research activities and research careers. Students will gain an understanding of the breadth of research in oncology and the range of career opportunities. They will be presented with some of the ethical and legal considerations relevant to clinical research in oncology. They will learn of the many different outcomes assessed by oncology clinical trials, including how and why these might differ from other disciplines. Students will gain an appreciation of how to develop a research proposal / study protocol and will develop skills in critically appraising presentations and publications concerning oncology research. Students will also be exposed to many of the current active areas of research in clinical oncology research.

This course is offered in partnership with the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. Over half of the expert speakers will be representing Peter Mac with the balance being drawn from a number of other leading institutions.

Testimonials

Radiation Oncology Registrar

"I would thoroughly recommend the course to any medical or radiation oncology trainee or anyone interested in research oncology. In fact, it should be compulsory."

Pharmacist

"Integrated well into the Masters Program and comprehensive as a stand alone course."

Research Assistant

"Very relevant for science based researchers eager to shift toward a more clinically based project/area. I certainly feel that on finishing this course I have come away with a relevant, substantial certificate."

Student Prize

Cancer Trials Australia will also provide a prize for the best overall student on the Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Oncology) of \$500.

Venue & Dates

Graduate House, 220 Leicester Street, Carlton VIC 3053

Part One: March 3, 4, 6 & 7 2008

Part Two: May 5, 6, 7 & 9 2008

Registration

The closing date for applications is 5:00pm Friday, 25 January 2008

About the CTA Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Oncology) Funding Support

The Cancer Trials Australia Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Oncology) funding support is to support the development of a pool of clinical researchers skilled in the field of clinical research in oncology and support Cancer Trials Australia's objectives and role in the search for better treatment outcomes for people with cancer.

The financial support available will meet the full cost of course fees for the Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Oncology) for four participants. The cost per participant is normally \$4,200. Successful applicants must meet any other costs related to travel and accommodation.

Applicants may be oncologists or haematologists in training, clinical trials research nurses, pharmacists, scientists interested in clinical research or from any other professional group.

Recognition of Cancer Trials Australia Support

Appropriate recognition for the assistance of financial support is expected, and Cancer Trials Australia would request that successful applicants acknowledge the financial support provided through participation in the development of case studies or short articles that can be published by Cancer Trials Australia, detailing their experience on the course and the contribution it has made to their professional career.

Number of Places

There are four places available in 2008 for full financial support from Cancer Trials Australia.

Financial Support Administration

Financial support for applicants will be administered on behalf of Cancer Trials Australia by the University of Melbourne, through the School of Enterprise.

Following an offer of funding support by Cancer Trials Australia and completion of the University enrolment forms, successful applicants will be sent an offer letter. After they have formally accepted the offer of a place they will be provided with a statement of enrolment showing that they have a balance of zero fees owing.

If the outcome of a CTA funded place determines whether you attend, please do not send an application to the School of Enterprise until you receive a response from CTA.

Cancer Trials Australia

Cancer Trials Australia is the leading services management organisation of early phase cancer clinical trials. Their aim is to provide excellence in quality, timeliness and cost and do so by sustaining a collaborative culture, and actively encouraging innovation. For further information visit www.cancertrialsaustralia.com

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

As Australia's Foremost Cancer Centre, Peter Mac provides quality treatment and support to patients and their families. Underpinned by research and the best evidence available, Peter Mac broadly influences cancer care in the community through multi-disciplinary partnerships, research and education. For further information visit www.petermac.org

School of Enterprise, the University of Melbourne

The School of Enterprise is a wholly owned company and is an academic school of the University of Melbourne. It was established in 1998 and has been a vehicle to develop and deliver demand driven customised corporate award and non award education programs.



Eligibility

Students who are clinical researchers are eligible to apply for the Cancer Trials Australia Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Oncology) funded places. (Available to Australian citizens and permanent residents only)

Entry Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate the following requirements at the time of their application:

- Demonstrated fit with the Cancer Trials Australia criteria for financial support and being able to immediately apply the skills and knowledge from the course in the workplace.
- Meet the University of Melbourne entry requirements for participation in this course (appropriate undergraduate degree plus one year relevant work experience).
- Have made prior arrangements with their employer to attend all components of coursework.
- Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Students who have currently enrolled to attend the award course are also eligible to apply.

Note: offers of financial support from Cancer Trials Australia are conditional upon applicants providing documentation that confirms their eligibility (such as evidence of citizenship, undergraduate training, work experience etc.) in meeting the stated entry requirements of the University of Melbourne.

Applications and Selection

Applicants should make their application for funding support via letter, structured in the format of the template below.

The Selection Committee will base its judgement on a wide range of criteria, including demonstrated evidence of the following:

Funding Support Requirements	Comments
Be in a position that will allow them to apply the skills and knowledge gained during the course to their current workplace.	Preference will be given to applicants who can take the skills and knowledge from the course and apply them immediately in a clinical research oncology context.
The applicant meets the University of Melbourne entry requirements of the course.	An appropriate undergraduate degree (health, medical, science, allied health from a recognised institution) plus one year relevant work experience. This should be outlined in the applicant letter, with documented evidence being required with a formal University enrolment if the applicant is offered funding support by CTA.
Employer supports and commits to releasing applicant for all the days of the coursework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Part One: March 3, 4, 6 & 7 2008 ▪ Part Two: May 5, 6, 7 & 9 2008
Residential Status - be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.	A statement to this effect needs to be provided with documented proof of citizenship should the applicant be advised they have been selected.
Be prepared to complete the formal award course enrolment paperwork and provide supporting documentation required to formally enrol at the University of Melbourne.	The formal award course enrolment forms can be sourced from www.soe.unimelb.edu.au/oncology , click <i>Entry Requirements</i> and then click <i>Student Services application forms</i> .
Have support from the workplace to attend the training.	This includes having permission to take the necessary time off work and possibly also study leave to complete the components of assessment for the course.
Recognition of Cancer Trials Australia support.	A brief outline of how and to whom the applicant would be able to acknowledge funding support from Cancer Trials Australia.

Submission of Applications

Applications should be submitted electronically to **Marcus Clark** at Cancer Trials Australia
Email: m.clark@cancertrialsaustralia.com

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Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Oncology)

Course Overview

Clinical research in oncology is an enormous field that integrates the efforts of a broad multi-disciplinary team; including medical, nursing, allied health, laboratory and other professionals. The Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Oncology) has been designed to bring together this multi-disciplinary group to give them a better understanding of all types of research conducted in oncology as well as provide an understanding of the essential components and features of successful research activities and research careers.

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Who should attend?

People currently working in oncology or other health services. The course and the award will be particularly useful for oncologists in training (medical, surgical and radiation oncology), clinical trials nurses and those working in the pharmaceutical industry or contract research groups.

Expert Speakers

This course is offered in partnership with the **Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre**. Over half of the expert speakers will be representing the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. Other speakers will be from:

- Austin Hospital/Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research
- The Cancer Council Victoria
- Novartis Pharmaceuticals
- Royal Melbourne Hospital
- St Vincent's Hospital

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Registrar/Oncology Trainee

"Very comprehensive course. Consolidated information and taught me a lot I would otherwise learn by trial and error the hard way doing clinical research. Practical and inspirational course for anyone wanting to be involved with Clinical Research in Oncology."

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Downloads

- [2008 CTA Flyer \(Adobe PDF document - 130.6 KB\)](#)

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2008 Fees & Registration

Specialist Certificate in Clinical Research (Oncology) - \$4,200

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PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 20

PROGRAM DETAILS

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