SCION Target Audience:

Eligible applicants are those working in the field of cancer immunotherapy who want to develop their own immunotherapy clinical trial protocol synopsis (resulting in an approved protocol and consent). This includes, but is not limited to, clinical fellows and junior faculty/attendings with medical, surgical, radiation, urologic, gynecologic, or pediatric oncology training and advanced degree scientists (e.g., Masters, PhD, PharmD, DNP) with research experience and interest in clinical and translational immuno-oncology. Applicants can be from academic, non-profit, or for-profit organizations, including the pharmaceutical industry/biotechnology. Those with other related professional degrees are also encouraged to apply.

Summary of Application Packet:

The application should be organized as outlined below:

1) Applicant information
   - Name, professional designation (MD/PhD/other), institution/organization, professional role, email, work setting, field of research/specialty, disease state, gender, and ethnicity.

2) Curriculum Vitae
   - NIH Biosketch or equivalent (maximum 5 pages)

3) Statement of interest
   - Please tell us why you are interested in this workshop in 500 words or less. Please include:
     - A description of your proposed clinical trial protocol in cancer immunotherapy research and development.
     - Trial reagent availability support now available.
     - A description of your career path up to this point and your aspirations for its future.

4) Letter from department chair, supervisor, or mentor.
   - Must provide a statement of support stating that the applicant will have time and relevant resources provided to conduct or oversee their trial (e.g. research nurse, appropriate equipment, etc).
     - A description of the proposed clinical trial.
     - Program support now available or intended for the term of the trial.
     - The candidate’s role and academic or other appointment(s).
     - Plans and potential for the applicant to seek funding internally or externally.

5) Abstract protocol
   - A one-page summary of your proposed interventional or observational study. Please include a one-page summary of the unmet clinical need you will be addressing, your immunologic goals, the biomarkers proposed, your hypotheses, and the proposed requisite number of patients and timeline.

6) Confidentiality Acknowledgement
   - Applicants must review and acknowledge a confidentiality statement.
Selection: Selection is made by the SITC Clinical Immuno-Oncology Network (SCION) Workshop Organizers. Applicants will be notified via email of their application’s acceptance or decline within 8 weeks of the application deadline.

Terms: SCION participants will be expected to pay a registration fee as well as cover all costs for all travel and lodging during the SCION workshop. The registration cost will include participation in some supplemental sessions of the SITC Cancer Immunotherapy Winter School.

Application process: Applicants will submit a completed application form, sponsor statement (from a mentor/supervisor), an applicant statement of interest, curriculum vitae, and abstract protocol.

Reporting: Complete and submit a 90-day report following the conclusion of the 2024 SITC Clinical Immuno-Oncology Network (SCION) Workshop with an updated protocol. This report should include:

- Project title
- Brief overview of the project progress to date
- Description of highlights related to your participation in the SCION Workshop
- Outcomes determined at this date

“Mac” Cheever Travel Award: This report exhibiting the progress on participants’ protocols will be used, in part, to select a recipient for the Martin “Mac” Cheever Excellence in Clinical Trial Design Travel Awards. Two awardees will be selected from the participants in the SCION Workshop. One awardee will be selected from the SCION participants for having the most simple and elegant protocol. The second award will be given to the participant whose protocol focuses on immunoprevention. The awardees will receive flight, hotel, and meal reimbursement to fully support his/her travel to the SITC 2024 Annual meeting.

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