



2025 SCION Workshop

SCION Target Audience:

Eligible applicants are those working in the field of cancer immunotherapy who want to develop their own immunotherapy clinical trial protocols. You will be working with other scholars and an expert group of mentors, you will learn to consider the critical and essential elements in a modern Immuno-Oncology Protocol. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, clinical fellows and junior faculty/attendings with medical, surgical, radiation, urologic, gynecologic, or pediatric oncology training. We also accept 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.

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 career path up to this point and your aspirations for its future.
- Background and experience in cancer immunotherapy, including current research and clinical projects.
- A brief overview of your proposed clinical trial protocol in cancer immunotherapy research and development.
- Trial reagent availability support currently available and plans to seek funding.

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.).

- The candidate's role and academic or other appointment(s).
- A brief description of the proposed clinical trial
- Program support now available or intended for the term of the trial.

5) Abstract of proposed protocol

A one-page (approximately 500 word) summary of your proposed interventional study. Please include:

- a. The unmet clinical need you will be addressing including the target patient population,
- b. Trial objectives and endpoints
- c. Immunologic and other biomarkers proposed (essential, contextual, and emergent/experimental.
- d. The study design, including the planned number of patients (with justification for sample size) and timeline for enrollment.

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 status within 10 weeks of the application deadline.
- Terms:** SCION participants will pay a registration fee for the SCION workshop. SCION participants will cover all costs for travel and lodging. This registration fee includes participation in 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 of the proposed protocol.
- 90-day Report:** Workshop attendees are required to complete and submit a 90-day report following the conclusion of the 2025 SITC Clinical Immuno-Oncology Network (SCION) Workshop and provide an updated protocol that reflects progress since workshop completion. This report will 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 SITC Travel Award: The 90-day reports demonstrating progress on participants’ protocols will be used, in part, to select two recipients for the Martin “Mac” Cheever Excellence in Clinical Trial Design Travel Awards. 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/immune interception. The awardees will receive flight, hotel, and meal reimbursement to fully support his/her travel to the SITC 2025 Annual meeting.

Program Deadlines

Application submissions open	April 22, 2024
Application submissions close	July 22, 2024
Applicants Notified	September 18, 2024
Virtual Pre-Meeting with Small Group	January (Day/Time TBD)
SCION Workshop in Austin, TX	February 11-14, 2025