

Priority Programme 'Epidemiological Research using Cancer Registry Data'

Deutsche Krebshilfe: 2nd Call for Applications

Deutsche Krebshilfe supports measures related to cancer prevention, early cancer diagnosis, cancer treatment, follow-up care after cancer treatment, psychosocial care, self aid and health promotion.

Deutsche Krebshilfe has also supported the development of epidemiological cancer registries in Germany because of their significant role in cancer research. Only with the help of cancer registries is it possible to monitor changes over time and regional differences in incidence, prevalence and mortality of cancer. Studying cancer registry data allows not only to measure screening effects and evaluate care concepts, but also to examine the quality of life of cancer patients and of long-term survivors.

With the objective of further supporting epidemiological research based on data from both epidemiological and clinical cancer registries, Deutsche Krebshilfe has decided to launch a second call for applications within the priority programme 'Epidemiological Research using Cancer Registry Data'. By funding innovative studies, Deutsche Krebshilfe - in accordance with the German National Cancer Plan - aims at providing fresh impetus for improving quality of life and health care for cancer patients as well as long-term survivors. Additionally, this priority programme has the goal to ensure sustainability of high quality epidemiological research by establishing a training programme for graduates in the field of cancer epidemiology.

Therefore, Deutsche Krebshilfe is now calling for applications within two closely related areas:

Part I: Scientific Studies within Cancer Epidemiology

Using data of both epidemiological and clinical cancer registries, studies should focus on one or several of the following issues:

- Cancer etiology and prevention
- Secondary malignancies
- Trends in cancer incidence and mortality
- Variation in cancer care and outcomes
- Cancer care for an aging population
- Evaluation of regional variation of care
- Evaluation of measures to improve quality of care
- Quality of life
- Follow-up of cancer patients
- Long-term survivors
- Causes of death

Applicants are encouraged to include available data from existing cohorts. Interventional clinical trials will be excluded from this call.

Within the framework of this call, Deutsche Krebshilfe intends to support a 'Graduate Programme in Cancer Epidemiology'. This graduate programme will be established through the network of funded research projects. Participants of the graduate programme will be graduate students as well as supervisors/mentors who are part of the funded research teams. Applications for research projects in Part I should therefore include a proposal for the position of graduate students as well as statements of supervisors/mentors as outlined in the applicants' guidelines.

Part II: Coordinator of Graduate Programme in Cancer Epidemiology

Applicants are also invited to apply for the position of the coordinator of the graduate programme. Applications for this coordination must include an outline of the vision for this programme as well as a teaching curriculum. There will be funding for administrative support to coordinate the graduate programme.

Important information

The procedure for application and evaluation consists of three steps. Prospective applicants must submit a letter of intent to Deutsche Krebshilfe by **14 Mar 2014, 13:00**. Project outlines in English must be submitted not later than **07 Apr 2014, 13:00**. If the preliminary evaluation is favourable, full applications must be submitted by **21 Jan 2015, 13:00** to Deutsche Krebshilfe.

Funding of projects and the graduate programme depends on the fulfilment of specific criteria outlined in the applicants' guidelines. Please find further details at www.krebshilfe.de/ausschreibungen.html.

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