

## Deutsche Krebshilfe: Call for Applications Priority Program 'Translational Oncology' (3<sup>rd</sup> call)

The major goal of German Cancer Aid's funding program for the development of 'Interdisciplinary Oncology Centers of Excellence' ('Onkologische Spitzenzentren') in Germany is to continuously improve the treatment and care of cancer patients. Conducting interdisciplinary research programs that encompass both basic science as well as the essential translation of scientific findings into clinical practice is therefore an essential task of 'Interdisciplinary Oncology Centers of Excellence'. Patients can then rapidly benefit from new scientific progress. The following program for 'Translational Oncology' is another step in reaching this goal.

**With the goal of further supporting collaborative translational cancer research projects at 'Interdisciplinary Oncology Centers of Excellence' and Comprehensive Cancer Centers, the German Cancer Aid has decided to launch a third call for applications within the funding program 'Translational Oncology'. Projects may be collaborative scientific projects ('Verbundprojekte') or innovative clinical trials, which must be performed at more than two sites and necessitate close collaboration between several research groups. The maximal annual budget of the program is 7 million Euros.**

At least one research group must be located at an 'Interdisciplinary Oncology Center of Excellence' funded by the German Cancer Aid.

Research groups that are not based at an 'Interdisciplinary Oncology Center of Excellence' or a Comprehensive Cancer Center may act as co-applicants.

The application and evaluation procedure takes place once annually. Applicants must inform the German Cancer Aid by **15 December, 2015**, 13:00 that they plan to submit an application (Letter of Intent). Project outlines in English must be submitted no later than **15 February, 2016**, 13:00. If the preliminary evaluation is favorable, full applications must be submitted by **31 August, 2016**, 13:00. More detailed information on the call for applications, the application procedure and the evaluation procedure can be found at [www.krebshilfe.de/auschreibungen.html](http://www.krebshilfe.de/auschreibungen.html).