

Deutsche Krebshilfe: Call for Applications Priority Program 'Translational Oncology' (1st 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. To this end, the German Cancer Aid has also strongly supported the establishment of the German Consortium for Translational Cancer Research ('Deutsches Konsortium für Translationale Krebsforschung', DKTK), which is part of the program of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research on 'German Centers for Health Research'.

The German Cancer Aid has decided to set up the funding program 'Translational Oncology'. The goal of this program is to support collaborative translational cancer research projects at 'Interdisciplinary Oncology Centers of Excellence', Comprehensive Cancer Centers and DKTK sites. These projects must be performed at more than two sites and necessitate close collaboration between several research groups. For example, these may be collaborative projects ('Verbundprojekte') or innovative clinical trials. The maximal annual budget of the program is 8 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', a Comprehensive Cancer Center or a DKTK site, may act as co-applicants.

The application and evaluation procedure takes place once annually. Applicants must inform the German Cancer Aid by **31 July, 2013, 13:00** that they plan to submit an application (Letter of Intent). Project outlines in English must be submitted no later than **30 September, 2013, 13:00**. If the preliminary evaluation is favorable, full applications must be submitted by **31 March, 2014, 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.