

# Director, Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center

Indiana University School of Medicine is announcing a search for the Director of the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center, the only NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center in the state of Indiana. This is an extraordinary opportunity for a visionary leader to take a strong cancer center to the next level of excellence, influence cancer care at one of the nation's largest health systems, and make significant strides in reducing the burden of cancer in Indiana.

In addition to overseeing the center's robust research programs, the Director will help set strategic vision and direction for cancer services at IU Health, IU School of Medicine's clinical partner, and will ensure the school continues to train a healthy pipeline of talented cancer specialists and researchers.

The next Director will join an institution with a proud tradition of excellence in cancer research and care. IU School of Medicine faculty developed the curative therapy for testis cancer, pioneered the field of cord blood transplantation and were at the forefront of identifying effective treatments for NF1, a previously untreatable and sometimes life-threatening class of tumors. IU Simon Cancer Center members and funded researchers also come from the IU Schools of Nursing, Public Health, Science and Regenstrief Institute. The center has the robust externally funded and interdisciplinary research in cancer control and cancer survivorship are recognized nationally, as well as interdisciplinary training programs that produce some of our nation's finest cancer researchers.

Today, both IU School of Medicine and IU Simon Cancer Center are on a phenomenal trajectory. The school's NIH funding has increased more than 50 percent in five years. Likewise, the cancer center has experienced tremendous growth. Over the course of its most recent NCI funding period, it achieved a 38 percent increase in NCI funding (Direct Costs), a 176 percent increase in multi-PI grants and attracted more than 30 new investigators in cancer research to IU. In recognition, it was designated a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the NCI in 2019.

The position is ideal for a collaborative and transformational leader who can build on the existing strengths of the IU Simon Cancer Center by:

- Stimulating basic and translational research that leads to a better understanding of the mechanisms of carcinogenesis, drug resistance and new pathways to treatment options
- Facilitating the development of clinical trials and developing a culture that promotes enrollment in studies throughout the health care system
- Enhancing clinical programs by optimizing the delivery of care and adding strategic programs based on research developments and emerging opportunities in the field
- Promoting community engagement and outreach activities that facilitate impactful health policy, expand education activities and address cancer disparities, particularly in underserved populations
- Spearheading population-based approaches to cancer prevention and control
- Developing educational and training opportunities to enhance the clinical and research cancer-related workforce locally and globally

Minimum qualifications include an MD, MD/PhD, or equivalent, evidence of leadership or a vision for leadership of an interdisciplinary center, and outstanding academic credentials such as a track record of extramural research funding.

## About IU School of Medicine

Headquartered in Indianapolis, IU School of Medicine is the largest medical school in the United States. The school offers high-quality medical education, access to leading medical research and rich campus life in nine Indiana cities, including rural and urban locations consistently recognized for livability. With its statewide footprint, and as the only publicly supported medical school in Indiana, it has the distinction of being able to influence Indiana's approach to cancer prevention, diagnosis and care.

In addition to the IU Simon Cancer Center, IU School of Medicine is home to many programs and initiatives that support cancer research and care, including:

- The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, a statewide partnership between IU, Purdue University and the University of Notre Dame that promotes and supports translational research
- The [Brown Center for Immunotherapy](#), a center focused on developing new treatments for cancer and other diseases through the use of cell-based immunotherapies.
- IU School of Medicine's [Precision Health Initiative](#), a \$120 million initiative which aims to deploy an array of precision health techniques to develop new therapies for triple negative breast cancer, multiple myeloma and pediatric sarcoma, and to identify successful prevention strategies for Alzheimer's disease and gestational diabetes
- The Indiana Collaborative Initiative for Talent Enrichment (INCITE), a \$25 million program funded by the Lilly Endowment dedicated to attracting top scientists to IU School of Medicine in partnership with life science leaders such as Eli Lilly and Co., Roche, Dow and Cook.

### **About IU Health**

Indiana University Health is Indiana's most comprehensive health system. With hospitals, physician offices and allied services, IU Health provides access to a full range of specialty and primary care services for adults and children. A unique partnership with Indiana University School of Medicine—one of the nation's leading medical schools—gives patients access to groundbreaking research and innovative treatments to complement high-quality care. With 16 hospitals across Indiana, IU Health offers:

- Statewide options for highly skilled, compassionate physicians and advanced providers
- A coordinated, personalized approach that includes a wide range of services, from primary and preventive healthcare to end-of-life care
- More than 300 primary care and specialty care offices
- A growing network of urgent care clinics and other clinical support services
- Medicare and employer health insurance through IU Health Plans
- Regional LifeLine bases providing care for the most critically ill and injured patients, with advanced air medical helicopters and mobile intensive care units

Additionally, IU Health is building the Joe & Shelly Schwarz Cancer Center, an 88,000 square foot, two-story facility on the south side of the IU Health North campus. The \$55-million investment builds on the promise to bring together, all under one roof, cancer services, including: radiation oncology spaces and infusion rooms; integrated health and wellness center offering programs such as art, music and yoga; additional support services including a pharmacy and laboratory.

### **About Indianapolis**

Indianapolis is the 15th largest city in the nation with costs of living below the national average. The surrounding suburbs have been ranked the #1 place to live in the country and are consistently ranked in the top 25 year after year. The city enjoys a vibrant and developing art, music, and food culture. Indianapolis is internationally recognized for motorsports along with various professional and amateur sports teams. Please check out [Visit Indy](#) or [No Mean City](#) to learn more about Indianapolis.

### **Application Instructions:**

To apply for this leadership opportunity, visit: <http://indiana.peopleadmin.com/postings/8565>. Please include (1) a letter of interest addressing leadership, administrative and education goals and experiences and (2) a curriculum vitae. The priority review deadline is **Monday, November 11, 2019**.

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