

Associate Director for Population Sciences, Case Comprehensive Cancer Center

The Associate Director (AD) for Population Sciences oversees the broad interests and approaches taken by the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center (Case CCC), its consortium institutions and research members in all aspects of cancer population sciences. The Case CCC consortium includes Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), Cleveland Clinic, and University Hospitals, covering over 2.5M population lives and providing ample opportunities to develop high impact programs that study and affect population cancer prevention, detection and risk reduction, across the continuum of primary and secondary prevention, risk assessment, policy interventions, and tertiary prevention. The AD coordinates with the Associate Director for Cancer Disparities Research on efforts to mitigate the adverse effects of poverty, barriers to care, racial and other population disparities on cancer prevention, detection and treatment outcomes. Likewise, the AD links to the Associate Director for Bioinformatics on studies of population health leveraging large databases, with the Associate Director for Basic Research to facilitate the discovery of biologic risk factors that may affect populations, and the Associate Director for Clinical Research to advocate for equitable access to clinical trials, managing the needs of special populations and efforts to link socioeconomic, genomic, ancestry and lifestyle risks to the burden of cancer. The AD will have access to investigators focused on large health care databases, geospatial analyses, and identification and management of high risk populations in the research programs of the cancer center. Through the executive committee and program leader meetings, the AD links transdisciplinary investigation to population efforts. The AD works with the Office of Training and Career Enhancement to offer training for trainees and junior faculty, in addition to cross-training for clinical and basic scientists with interests in population sciences.

Areas of research expertise of the candidate could include, but are not limited to, cancer screening and early detection, obesity, tobacco, risk assessment and reduction, cancer communication, prevention and intervention, dissemination and implementation research. Ability to navigate with hospital partners for implementation sciences and disease and risk cohort studies is anticipated. The person filling this position will develop a vision to bring together the outstanding research, educational, and hospital resources available at CWRU and its affiliated hospitals to improve cancer outcomes in Cleveland and Northeast Ohio.

The successful candidate will have a doctoral degree in relevant population sciences fields such as public health, epidemiology, behavioral science, sociology, and nutrition or a MD degree with additional research training. The home department may be either the cancer center, the Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences (chair Jonathan Haines, PhD) or another appropriate department.

Appointment at either the level of associate professor (tenure track/tenured) or professor (tenured) will follow the institutional guidelines that consider research, national recognition, institutional service and teaching elements with sustained evidence of productivity.

The generous start-up package with resources to promote research efforts across the center includes a competitive salary commensurate with experience. CWRU offers excellent benefits.

Applicants should submit curriculum vitae, a letter of interest addressing research, educational, leadership goals and vision, and names of three professional references to Stanton L. Gerson, MD, Chair, Search Committee for the Associate Director for Population Sciences, c/o cancersearch@case.edu.

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