

The Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center at West Virginia University
Scot C. Remick, MD, Director
invites candidates for the

Open Rank Faculty Position(s) in Cancer Research

The Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center (MBRCC) of West Virginia University (WVU) seeks distinguished scientists and thought leaders as Faculty (rank open) to further its scientific exploration and discovery targeting the prevention and cure of cancer. The selected candidate(s) will exhibit extraordinary potential for significantly advancing his/her field toward novel treatments in cancer related disciplines, be committed to bench-to-bedside activity, be comfortable with collaborative accomplishment, and have a willingness to share discoveries for the benefit of the larger medical community. He/she will hold a faculty appointment in the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, as well as appointment in a department in the WVU School of Medicine - depending on discipline expertise and interests, and experience.

Unique opportunities exist in West Virginia for novel basic and clinical research investigations in cancer related disciplines, with health disparities and risk factors well documented in populations targeted by MBRCC programs for research, clinical trials and state-wide clinical services. As a result, the MBRCC has been experiencing significant growth over the last 6 years and is funded for unprecedented future development in basic and clinical research, as well as in patient care. With MBRCC's inter- and multi-disciplinary teams of more than 40 basic scientists, 60 clinicians, population scientists, and adjunct faculty from 7 Schools and 21 University Departments, there is exceptional opportunity to participate in robust, interdisciplinary basic and translational research and training programs in a highly collaborative atmosphere. Guiding this unprecedented growth and development is renowned cancer researcher and physician Scot Remick, MD, who took the helm of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center in the summer of 2007. Reporting to leadership in the MBRCC, as well as through faculty departmental lines in the School of Medicine, the appointed faculty will be provided support for:

- Conducting cancer-related research, teaching, and service;*
- Promoting the development of advanced scholarship in fields relevant to cancer;*
- Encouraging the exchange of ideas and understanding among scholars in cancer-related areas; and,*
- Advancing clinical outcomes for cancer patients at WVU and residents of West Virginia.*

Faculty in the MBRCC contribute in significant ways to the growth and development of cancer research programs on the WVU campus, in collaboration with its affiliates, as well as through interactions with leading national health agencies and companies in the region. Time for research will be protected, with teaching and service responsibilities, as well as participation on interdisciplinary clinical cancer boards, limited to the equivalent of 1-3 days/week. Faculty will be expected to participate in science at the highest national level with incentives related to: independent peer-reviewed funding (NCI prioritized); other NIH, DOD, ACS, Foundation awards; high impact publications; mechanism-focus leading to basic drug discovery or development; scientific leadership or correlative studies integrated into clinical trials; mentoring post-graduates and physician scientists; secondarily participation in clinical trials. Faculty will partner with MBRCC and institutional leadership and other faculty and maintain external relationships to contribute to the strategic direction for basic science and translational cancer research. He/she will work to put the MBRCC at the forefront of cancer research, treatment, and prevention locally, nationally, and internationally - leading to application for NCI designation in a few short years.

The successful candidate will be a recognized investigator, established in his/her field, with a PhD, or MD/PhD degrees and a track record of independent research, demonstrated by high quality

publications in peer-reviewed journals and extramural funding commensurate with years of experience. It is expected that the selected candidate(s) will bring research funding with him/her to the MBRCC in order to continue the pursuit of an already well-established, relevant cancer-related research agenda. Preference will be given to individuals who will complement current existing interests in our [research and clinical investigative programs](#), including but not limited to: signal transduction, tumor microenvironment, innovative radiographic imaging and detection technologies, and novel molecular prognostic / predictive biomarkers development. Research pursuits focused on cancer health disparities encountered in the State of West Virginia, including cigarette smoking, obesity, aging, and HPV infection will also be prioritized. However, outstanding candidates from other research areas will be considered. The position is tenure earning and salary is negotiable. Dedicated laboratory space and annual operating funds will be made available.

The [Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center](#) is an inter- and a multi-disciplinary center which encompasses patient care, basic and clinical research, education, and outreach programs. This modern research and clinical facility, currently undergoing a 43,000sf expansion, contains patient care and research space which is centrally located within the comprehensive academic health sciences center complex known as the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center. The MBRCC is West Virginia's most comprehensive cancer treatment, research, and education facility with more than 50,000 patient visits/year and over 2,000 hospital oncology admissions. It offers a multidisciplinary team approach and state-of-the-art technologies and treatments, as well as numerous clinical trials, and a variety of education and prevention outreach programs. The MBRCC's cancer clinic is operated by the [West Virginia University Hospitals, Inc.](#) and houses the Betty Puskar Breast Care Center and Comprehensive Breast Cancer Program; the Sara Crile Allen and James Frederick Allen Comprehensive Lung Cancer Program; the Blood and Marrow Transplant / Hematologic Malignancies Program – the only program of its kind offered in West Virginia; and NCI's Mid-Atlantic Cancer Information Service (CIS).

Founded in 1867, [West Virginia University](#) is one of only a limited number of public universities in the nation serving its state as both research and land-grant institutions. It is 1 of only 11 land-grant institutions offering a single health sciences campus with accredited Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, and Pharmacy. As West Virginia's major research and development center and only comprehensive doctoral-granting institution, WVU faculty conduct research totaling over \$138 million in sponsored contracts and grants per year. The University's total operating budget is approximately \$749 million. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classifies WVU as a comprehensive doctoral institution with medical programs – placing it among only 50 such public and 28 private institutions nationwide; and when considering also the “high level of research activity,” WVU is again 1 of only 11 like institutions in the US.

Nominations, applications (including a cover letter, vitae, and list of 3 professional references), expressions of interest, requests for information, or confidential inquiries should be directed to:

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