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MISSION OF THE AACR

The mission of the American Association for Cancer Research® (AACR) is to prevent and cure cancer through research, education, communication, collaboration, science policy and advocacy, and funding for cancer research. Through its programs and services, AACR fosters research in cancer and related biomedical science; accelerates the dissemination of new research findings among scientists and others dedicated to the conquest of cancer; promotes science education and training; and advances the understanding of cancer etiology, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment throughout the world.



MEMBERSHIP

- AACR has more than 58,000 members residing in 141 countries and territories.
- Members include laboratory, translational, and clinical researchers; other health care professionals; and cancer advocates who depend on AACR's programs and activities for the exchange of timely scientific information.
- With over 25,000 Associate members, AACR supports the education, training, and professional development of early-career cancer researchers/scientists, who are graduate students, medical students and residents, and clinical and postdoctoral fellows. Annual dues are not required for Associate members.
- Through the efforts of AACR-Minorities in Cancer Research and AACR-Women in Cancer Research, AACR supports the professional development and career advancement of scientists in cancer research.
- Open to any AACR member are Scientific Working Groups to explore expanded research opportunities and advance discoveries that lead to greater knowledge and understanding of cancer.



PUBLICATIONS

- The AACR proudly publishes **10 scientific journals** of high-quality, covering the full spectrum of cancer science and medicine, including the online-only, open access journal, **Cancer Research Communications**.
- **Cancer Today®**, a magazine for cancer patients and caregivers.
- **Leading Discoveries**, a magazine highlighting AACR members, programs, and philanthropic initiatives.
- Learn about the cancer survivors featured in the **AACR Cancer Progress Report 2024**.
- The **AACR Report on the Impact of COVID-19 on Cancer Research and Patient Care** provides a comprehensive review of pandemic-related challenges to cancer science and medicine, and future opportunities to improve medical research and patient care.



- Learn how racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved populations are among the groups in the United States that have long experienced cancer health disparities in the **AACR Cancer Disparities Progress Report 2024**.



- Other AACR publications include the **AACR Annual Impact Report**;



- and the blog **Cancer Research Catalyst**.



AACR GRANTS PROGRAM



- AACR funds research directly, as well as in cooperation with numerous cancer-focused organizations. As the Scientific Partner of Stand Up To Cancer, AACR provides expert peer-reviewed grant administration and scientific oversight of team science and individual grants for cancer research projects that have the potential to improve patient outcomes.
- Since establishing its grant program in 1993, AACR has provided over \$542 million in funding for cancer research projects.



POLICY AND ADVOCACY



- The AACR Office of Science Policy and Government Affairs actively communicates with legislators and policymakers about the value of cancer research and related biomedical sciences to reduce cancer-related morbidity and mortality. It also advocates for critical federal cancer research funding.
- The AACR Scientist↔Survivor Program® provides support for cancer survivors and their families.



EDUCATION



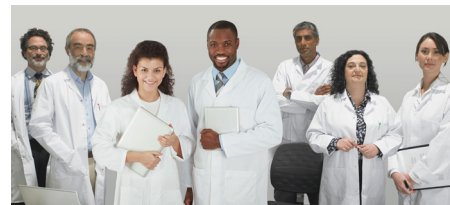
- AACR hosts more than 30 scientific conferences and educational workshops annually. The largest is the AACR Annual Meeting, to be held next in San Diego, CA, April 17-22, 2026.



AACR FOUNDATION



- The AACR Foundation accelerates progress in the conquest of cancer by providing financial support for scientific research, education, and communication. The Foundation funds programs deemed by the AACR to be of the highest priority and impact. Eighty-eight cents of every dollar donated goes directly to lifesaving cancer research.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- AACR supports education and training of cancer scientists and clinicians and provides professional development opportunities and resources to enhance and advance their careers. AACR **CancerCareers.org** is one resource that offers unparalleled career services and opportunities to cancer biomedical researchers and to potential employers who seek to recruit them.