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Search for the Susan and Henry Samueli Endowed Chair in Integrative Oncology
University of California, Irvine
Orange, California

The University of California, Irvine (UCI) invites inquiries, nominations, and applications for an endowed chair in integrative oncology in the Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute (SSIH), Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center (CFCCC), and the School of Medicine. The endowed chair will be a collaborative and transformative leader, bridging numerous facets of the UCI enterprise to drive advancements in evidence-based approaches to integrative oncology that have a profound impact on patient care and outcomes.

UCI is the youngest member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU) and combines the strengths of a major research institution with the dynamism and ambition of an emergent campus. Capitalizing on the spirit of innovation, [UCI Health Affairs](#) is a first-of-its-kind alliance across health disciplines and the only university-based health system in Orange County. Led by Vice Chancellor Steve Goldstein, UCI Health Affairs comprises more than 13,000 faculty, staff, and students from the Susan and Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences (The College), UCI Health, and numerous research centers and institutes including the Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute and the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, the only National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated comprehensive cancer center based in Orange County and one of only 53 such comprehensive cancer centers in the nation.

In November 2021, UCI and UCI Health broke ground on a new \$1.3 billion medical complex in Irvine, which will include a 144-bed acute care hospital with an emergency room, an outpatient Center for Advanced Care with primary and specialty health services, a Center for Children's Health, and the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center and Ambulatory Care building. Upon completion in 2025, this new medical complex will also be a hub for participation in Orange County's largest clinical trials portfolio, including early-phase trials in cancer, neurosciences, stem cell-derived treatments, internal medicine, and more.

Housed in the Division of Oncology and the Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute, the endowed chair in integrative oncology will build upon the innovative work at UCI in integrative health, promoting broad partnerships and collaborative research within the UCI Health enterprise, with other University schools

and departments, and with national cooperative group and industry research partners. This novel and expansive view of integrative oncology represents new horizons and potential around patient care, treatment, and outcomes. The endowed chair will have the unique opportunity to capitalize on UCI's commitment to and strength in integrative health and be at the forefront of developments that will significantly impact and improve the lives of patients. Further reflecting UCI's ongoing and substantial investment in integrative health, the endowed chair in integrative oncology will be one of several faculty supported by endowed chairs across medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and population health to join the community in the coming years.

A complete list of the desired qualifications and characteristics may be found at the conclusion of this document, which was produced with the support of Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm. All confidential applications, inquiries, and nominations should be directed to the parties listed at the end of this document.

About UCI Health

UCI Health is the fourth largest healthcare system in California and comprises UCI's biomedical research, medical education, and clinical enterprises. As the only academic medical center in Orange County, UCI Health is a multifaceted organization dedicated to the discovery of new medical frontiers, the teaching of future healers, and the delivery of the finest evidence-based care. The UCI Health system has a growing presence across Orange County, with practice sites including Yorba Linda, Tustin, Santa Ana, Anaheim, Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Laguna Hills, and Irvine.

UCI Health is home to the 459-bed acute care Douglas Hospital located on the main medical campus in the city of Orange, California, providing tertiary and quaternary care, ambulatory and specialty medical clinics, and behavioral health and rehabilitation. UCI Health also operates two federally-qualified health centers in Santa Ana and Anaheim, providing family medicine, ob/gyn, and pediatric care to underserved populations, 99% percent of whom live below 200% of the federal poverty level. UCI Health employs approximately 4,800 staff members, admits more than 19,000 patients annually and has an annual operating budget of \$1.3 billion.

UCI Health has recently broken ground on a new medical complex on the academic campus in Irvine, featuring a new 144-bed state-of-the art specialty hospital and several outpatient facilities, including the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center and Ambulatory Care building, the UCI Center for Advanced Care, and the Center for Children's Health. The full-service academic health complex will bring a broad spectrum of the most advanced healthcare services to coastal and southern Orange County, including access to the hundreds of clinical trials underway at UCI Health. The medical center will connect with the UCI Health primary care network throughout Orange County, including its newest clinic in Newport Beach, creating the region's only health system supported by one of the nation's premier academic research institutions. A complete list of UCI Health centers, institutes, and clinics is available at www.ucirvinehealth.org/locations.

To learn more about UCI Health's strategic plan and vision for the future, visit <http://strategicplan.health.uci.edu>.

About the Susan and Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences

In September 2017, UCI announced a \$200 million gift from Susan and Henry Samueli to name a first-of-its-kind College of Health Sciences focused on interdisciplinary integrative health. The far-reaching donation—the seventh largest to a single public university and the largest in UC Irvine's history—positions UCI as a bold, new leader in population health, patient care, education, and research. The gift provided \$50 million toward the construction of a facility to house the College and the Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute and \$5 million for outfitting the institute with state-of-the-art technology – forming the foundation of a national showcase for integrative health. It also earmarks \$145 million to create an endowment for up to 15 faculty chairs across the medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and population health disciplines for senior, midcareer, and junior faculty with expertise in integrative health; integrative health training and mentoring for medical school students; scholarships and fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students to develop careers in related fields; innovative curricular development and campus-wide interdisciplinary research projects; and ongoing clinical services, research, and education in the Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute focused on scientific research and education in complementary medicine and whole-person care.

Today, the College of Health Sciences is home to over 10,000 faculty and staff and nearly 3,000 students across the School of Medicine, the Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing, the School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, and the Program in Public Health, soon to be the future School of Population Health.

Each year, the School of Medicine educates more than 400 medical students, as well as 700 residents and fellows and 130 doctoral and master's students on both the Irvine and Orange campuses. The highly regarded medical school is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and ranks among the *U.S. News & World Report's* top 50 medical schools in the nation for research. With 24 departments, the School of Medicine offers medical training, residency, and fellowship programs, continuing medical education for physicians and other healthcare professionals, numerous dual degree programs, as well as mission-based programs that allow students to focus on areas of healthcare for which a specific need has been identified. Some examples of such programs include:

- *Program in Medical Education for the Latino Community (PRIME-LC)*: A mission-based, dual-degree program intended to address the needs of underserved Latino communities. Students are enrolled in a five-year program that culminates in a medical and master's degree in an area of emphasis (public health, public policy, or business). Upon completion of the program, students will have received in-depth cultural, linguistic, and leadership training that will enable them to serve the diverse communities of California, particularly underserved Latino populations.

- *Leadership Education to Advance Diversity-African, Black, and Caribbean (LEAD-ABC)*: LEAD-ABC is intended to develop physician leaders to address the healthcare needs of the African, Black, and Caribbean communities. Students in the program will receive in-depth training on the unique healthcare concerns in these communities. The program offers an optional year to obtain a master's degree in an area that will advance their ability to effect change in the delivery of healthcare for these communities.
- *Health Education to Advance Leaders in Integrative Medicine (HEAL-IM)*: HEAL-IM is designed to train future physicians in the practice of compassionate, evidence-based integrative medicine. Students will learn to deliver whole-person care by incorporating foundational elements — balanced nutrition, mindfulness, physical activity, emotion and stress, and social support — into their medical practice. In addition, students will have the opportunity to take an additional year to obtain a certificate in advanced integrative medicine or a master's degree supporting the effective implementation of integrative medicine practices.

The Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute, another pillar of the College, was established in 2017 with the goal of being the pre-eminent national and international academic center for research, education, and clinical practice in integrative medicine. Today, the Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute offers an innovative, whole-person approach to healthcare that is backed by the latest evidence-based and interdisciplinary medical research. Aimed at balance and prevention, UCI's approach to integrative healthcare seeks to uncover the root causes of illnesses and disease before the onset of symptoms or other negative impacts. With a dynamic team of 5 faculty, 21 researchers, 19 staff, 41 clinicians, over 2,000 trainees, and 80 medical students and residents, SSIHI delivers over 40,000 inpatient and outpatient integrative health visits annually, making it the largest integrative health care delivery unit in the country.

In Fall 2022, the Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute moved into its new flagship site, a 36,300-square-foot space embedded in the 110,000 square-foot Samueli College complex that offers spaces for innovative student instruction; multidisciplinary, collaborative research; engaging community education; and team-based, whole-person clinical care. The innovative biophilic design of the new space promotes an optimal healing environment that supports patient wellness while simultaneously enabling collaborations across clinical, teaching, and research efforts.

More information about the Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute is available at <https://ssihi.uci.edu/about/about-the-institute/>.

The Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center (CFCCC)

The Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center (CFCCC) is one of 53 National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the United States and the only one based in Orange County. First designated by the NCI in 1994 and competitively renewed in 2021, CFCCC members are drawn from the UCI Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, Population & Public Health, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Information & Computer Science, Engineering, and Business. Three

formal research programs are linked by eight CFCCC Disease-Oriented Teams that bring together basic, translational, patient-centered, and clinical investigators to facilitate the movement of CFCCC discoveries through the pipeline into the clinical arena. Clinical cancer research includes a large portfolio of early-phase and investigator-initiated trials under the Stern Center for Cancer Clinical Trials & Research, which coordinates all cancer-related trials.

CFCCC research is further supported by eight shared resources (Biostatistics, Biobehavioral, Experimental Tissue, Genomics Research & Technology, Mass Spectrometry, Oncoimaging, Optical Biology, Transgenic Mouse Facility) that provide members access to state-of-the-art technology, equipment, and expert consultation. CFCCC clinicians saw over 4,500 new cancer patients in 2020, with more than 76,000 outpatient encounters and 57,000 infusion center visits at practice sites across Orange County, including Orange, Yorba Linda, Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Irvine, and Laguna Hills. Samueli Integrative Health Institute providers and clinical research capacity are embedded at all Cancer Center clinical sites. An adult hematopoietic stem cell transplant and cellular therapy program was launched in 2020, the only such program in Orange County.

The strong healthcare leadership team, dedicated faculty, staff, and students, and ambitious and successful fundraising programs have given UCI the human and financial capital to secure its place as the premier cancer care provider in the region. UCI continues to ensure the best outcomes from the effective coupling of world-class research, education, and clinical care. With the increasing prominence of UCI Health and the CFCCC, UCI is poised to continue its expansion even in a competitive environment, making this one of a limited number of substantial growth opportunities in academic medicine today.

More information about the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center and cancer services at UCI is available at <https://cancer.uci.edu/>.

Qualifications

The School of Medicine, Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute are recruiting for an integrative oncology endowed chair position in the Ladder Rank Professor (at the rank of associate or full professor), Professor-in-Residence, or Professor of Clinical X series.

- Ladder-Rank Faculty will serve as research scholars, clinicians, and educators. They are expected to design and lead significant, thematic research with extramural support. Teaching is required and may include clinical, classroom, or lab teaching. The successful candidate will have a major focus on innovative research of high significance in the general field of integrative oncology, as reflected in sustained, high-quality publications and peer-reviewed extramural funding as a principal investigator.
- Professor of Clinical "X" Series will be expected to conduct substantial and meaningful research; teach residents and medical students; have clinical care responsibilities; and perform public and University service. Excellence in teaching, clinical expertise, or research is an essential criterion for appointment in this series. Priority will be given to candidates with a proven track record of

academic productivity, as demonstrated through high-impact publications, thematic-based research, and/or grant funding.

Experience within a health system of integrative, collaborative, patient-centered care that uses complementary therapies, including mind-body therapies, natural health products, and lifestyle in conjunction with medical treatment to enhance treatment efficacy, improve symptom control, and alleviate distress and suffering of patients with cancer is preferred. The ability to communicate with and coordinate patient care with other members of the care team, including medical oncology, radiation oncology, and surgical specialties, will be an essential requirement to excel in this role.

Examples of relevant areas of investigation include:

- Biological effects and mechanisms of action underlying complementary and whole-person health approaches in cancer management;
- Studies intended to identify and validate objective endpoints or biomarkers, assess and measure adherence or treatment fidelity, and otherwise strengthen the design of subsequent clinical trials of complementary and whole-person health approaches in cancer care;
- Quality studies of the contribution to improved health and wellness made by complementary and whole-person health interventions. These would include, but not be limited to, investigations of the impact of complementary and whole-person health modalities, including diet and exercise, nutritional supplements, acupuncture, mind-body, and interventions in integrative oncology;
- Research studies and clinical trials to examine the efficacy and effectiveness of integrative oncology therapies;
- Medical research demonstrating the health- and cost- effectiveness of integrative oncology care.

Successful candidates will receive Endowed Chair Funds, and those who also qualify for a ladder-rank faculty appointment will have a University FTE. The Endowed Chair will be reviewed after 5 years for renewal. Applicants for each recruitment must have an MD, MD/PhD, PhD, DO, or equivalent and are required to have post-MD training in disciplines involved with cancer care (medical, surgical, radiation oncology, etc).

Location

UCI Medical Center is located in the City of Orange, in Orange County, California, approximately 32 miles southeast of Los Angeles and about 14 miles from UCI's main campus in Irvine. As noted above, an Irvine Medical Campus is under construction, located on the northern part of the UCI main campus. UCI Health has satellite clinical sites located in Costa Mesa, Laguna Hills, Newport Beach, Tustin, and Yorba Linda. UCI health also manages two Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), the UCI Family Health Centers in Anaheim & Santa Ana. The Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute is located on the UCI main campus in the City of Irvine, in Orange County, California. The UCI Medical Center – Irvine complex, including the new Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center building that is scheduled to open in Q2 2024, will also be located in Irvine, approximately 1 mile from the Samueli Institute.

Demographics

Orange County has a population of about 3.2 million people and has substantial racial/ethnic and socioeconomic diversity as a “majority-minority” county, with approximately 34% Latino residents and 21% Asian Americans, including Chinese, Koreans, and the largest Vietnamese population in the U.S. The county has smaller populations of American Indians and Black/African Americans (both ~2%). 47% of the households in Orange County speak a primary language other than English. A substantial proportion (~11%) have incomes below the poverty line. 7% of the population is 18 years and older, with a median age of 39. The population of Orange County is aging, with the percentage of elderly (age ≥ 65) expected to almost double over the next 40 years. Cancer has recently overtaken heart disease as the #1 killer of Orange County residents (<http://www.ochealthiertogether.org/>).

Compensation

The salary range for the Full Professor in Residence rank position is \$320,007.00 - \$464,355.67. The [posted UC salary scales](#) set the minimum pay determined by rank and/or step at appointment. See [Professorial Series \(Adjunct, Clinical X, HS Clinical, In Residence, Ladder Rank\) and Professor of Teaching Series – Health Sciences Compensation Plan](#). This position includes membership in the [health sciences compensation plan](#), which provides for eligibility for additional compensation.

Applications, Inquiries, and Nominations

UC Irvine has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist in this search. For more details, including the full position profile, and to submit inquiries, nominations, and referrals, please see the Isaacson, Miller website for the search: <https://www.imsearch.com/open-searches/university-california-irvine-school-medicine/samueli-endowed-chair-integrative>.

Application review for each recruitment will begin immediately and continue until the individual position is filled. Application materials should include a curriculum vitae, a one-page letter of interest, and a separate statement that addresses past and potential contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Electronic applications can be submitted online at <https://recruit.ap.uci.edu/JPF08184>.

The University of California is committed to creating and maintaining a community dedicated to the advancement, application, and transmission of knowledge and creative endeavors through academic excellence, where all individuals who participate in University programs and activities can work and learn together in a safe and secure environment, free of violence, harassment, discrimination, exploitation, or intimidation. With this commitment as well as a commitment to addressing all forms of academic misconduct, UC Irvine conducts institutional reference checks for candidates/finalists to whom the department or other hiring unit would like to extend a formal offer of appointment into Ladder Rank Professor or Professor of Teaching series, at all ranks (i.e., assistant, associate, and full). The institutional

reference checks involve contacting the administration of the applicant's previous institution(s) to ask whether there have been substantiated findings of misconduct that would violate the University's Faculty Code of Conduct. To implement this process, UC Irvine requires all candidates of Ladder Rank Professor or Professor of Teaching series, at all ranks (i.e., assistant, associate, and full) to complete, sign, and upload the form entitled "Authorization to Release Information" into AP RECRUIT as part of their application. If the candidate does not include the signed authorization to release information with the application materials, the application will be considered incomplete. As with any incomplete application, the application will not receive further consideration. Although all applicants for faculty recruitments must complete the entire application, only finalists (i.e., those to whom the department or other hiring unit would like to extend a formal offer) considered for Ladder Rank Professor or Professor of Teaching series, at all ranks (i.e., assistant, associate, and full) positions will be subject to institutional reference checks.

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