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Hope Foundation Announces New Award for Statistical Excellence in Cancer Clinical Trials

ANN ARBOR, MI – The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research, the public charity supporting SWOG Cancer Research Network, is launching the John Crowley, PhD, Award, to encourage statistical excellence in clinical trials. Dr. Crowley was the long-time group statistician for SWOG and the founder of its statistical partner, Cancer Research And Biostatistics, (CRAB), which today remains part of the SWOG Statistics and Data Management Center (SDMC) in Seattle, WA.

“The award acknowledges the foundational contributions of Dr. Crowley to the field of biostatistics, especially in the design and conduct of cancer clinical trials and survival analysis,” says current Group Statistician Dr. Michael LeBlanc. “His biostatistical innovation and leadership were key to SWOG’s outstanding success conducting high quality and impactful clinical trials.”

In the spirit of Crowley’s innovative methods and committed mentorship, the award provides a rare opportunity to collaborate with faculty and data management staff at a leading publicly funded, national multi-center clinical trials organization through a one-month residency in Seattle. This interactive mentorship program will be a joint effort between CRAB, the SWOG SDMC, and The Hope Foundation.

“Dr. Crowley has been an incredibly influential statistician and mentor with SWOG since he was first elected to lead – and found – the group’s statistical center in 1984,” says Johanna Horn, President & CEO of The Hope Foundation. “I’m honored that he has lent his life’s experience to this unique residency – it is certainly a living legacy that will foster statistical excellence, intellectual creativity, and deep learning in clinical trial analysis and design.”

Successful applicants will spend four consecutive weeks in Seattle at the SWOG SDMC, which is co-located on the campuses of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and CRAB. Awardees can pursue unique projects in statistical research in collaboration with CRAB and SDMC staff. All related travel and living expenses will be covered for the duration of the residency through support from The Hope Foundation.

Get additional information about the award on Hope's [program page](#). Applications will be accepted through October 15, 2020, and the first residency will take place in the summer of 2021.

SWOG Cancer Research Network is part of the National Cancer Institute's National Clinical Trials Network and the NCI Community Oncology Research Program and is part of the oldest and largest publicly funded cancer research network in the nation. SWOG has nearly 12,000 members in 47 states and six foreign countries who design and conduct clinical trials to improve the lives of people with cancer. SWOG trials have led to the approval of 14 cancer drugs, changed more than 100 standards of cancer care, and saved more than 3 million years of human life. Learn more at swog.org.

The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research is the non-profit charitable arm of SWOG Cancer Research Network. Founded in 1993 to support network members and their work, The Hope Foundation funds clinical and translational research, fellowships, training events, physician education, and patient advocacy. Learn more at thehopefoundation.org.