

# **Tips for Applying**

## **Abstract**

This document should contain a brief summary of your dissertation work.

- It should be no more than ONE page with size 11/12 font. Do NOT shrink the font to make the text fit on one page.
- Please list your abstract title, author's names and affiliations on the page.

## **Cover Letter**

Within your cover letter, you can describe the following points:

- Describe your interest in pursuing a research career. Please provide evidence of motivation, excitement, and drive for research.
- Why do you want to complete your postdoctoral fellowship at the National Cancer Institute? How will training here help you achieve your career goal(s)?

Please note:

- You do not need to have a cancer research background to apply. However, you may want to describe how your research background is relevant to the cancer field.
- Make sure your document is free of all spelling and grammatical errors.
- Have a colleague or friend proofread and edit your work to make sure you provide complete answers to the prompts and that there is a logical flow. If English is not your first language, also have a native English speaker review your document.
- Do NOT exceed 1500 words total.

## **Curriculum Vitae**

The document should be a concise summary of your educational and professional history. Be prudent about the information that you provide, sticking to experiences that are most relevant to your scientific and leadership experience.

- Make sure all your information is up to date.
- You may wish to list the skills you acquired during your scientific training experiences and any mentoring/supervising you were asked to provide.
- Use formatting or spacing to make your CV easy to read.

## **Diversity Statement**

A brief explanation of how the applicant's participation would further the goal of NCI's mission to enhance diversity within the intramural workforce, consistent with NIH's Notice of Interest in Diversity. [NOT-OD-20-031](#).

## **Recommendation Letter**

Be sure to ask someone who knows both you and your work well and will write a supportive letter of recommendation. Applications to GSRP are very competitive, and what often sets them apart are the recommendation letters.