



Hollings Cancer Center
An NCI-Designated Cancer Center



LEADERSHIP OPENING

Associate Director, Population Sciences

Associate/Full Professor
Tenure Track

Position Description

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and NCI-designated Hollings Cancer Center (HCC) seek a nationally recognized and dynamic leader to serve as its Associate Director (AD) of Population Sciences. The successful candidate will be appointed a tenure-track Associate or Full Professor, depending on experience and qualifications. Candidates from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine and/or science are strongly encouraged to apply.

Serving on the senior leadership team of HCC, the successful candidate will build and develop the Cancer Center's nationally recognized research in Population Sciences with the aim of reducing the cancer burden on its uniquely diverse 46-county catchment area, which includes significant Black and growing Hispanic/Latino communities, low-income communities, and communities residing in rural locations, as well as older adults and those who are underresourced economically.

The AD will bring an extensive track record as a federally-funded investigator focused on population-based cancer research, ideally in cancer epidemiology, a collaborative approach to leadership, and a management style that supports the mentoring of junior investigators.

The AD will collaborate closely with other Cancer Center senior leaders, the AD of Community Outreach and Engagement, the co-leaders of the Cancer Prevention & Control Research Program, epidemiologists, geospatial analysts, biostatisticians, bioinformaticians, geneticists, biologists, behavioral scientists, and clinicians across MUSC, as well as with numerous public health partners and collaborators throughout the state of South Carolina, to advance population sciences. Notably, the AD will build on the existing research efforts on health disparities and social determinants of health across the state, emphasizing serving the Cancer Center's catchment area.

Reporting to both the Cancer Center Director and the Chair of the Department of Public Health Sciences, the AD will guide the Cancer Prevention & Control Program and develop a multidisciplinary team of researchers from within the MUSC science community and through external recruitments focused on research that addresses priority catchment-related cancers, including breast, prostate, pancreatic, lung, and colorectal cancer, particularly in rural, minoritized, and medically underserved populations.

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The AD will be charged with developing a comprehensive vision for population-based cancer research that builds on the Cancer Center's existing strengths and further expands its ability to serve the diverse communities within the catchment area. To achieve this vision, the AD will intentionally nurture existing relationships across MUSC and with external communities/partners to strategically facilitate cross-disciplinary research that advances the mission of the Cancer Center. The mission of HCC is to reduce the cancer burden in the state by providing cancer screening, care, training/education, community outreach, and conducting transformative research that spans the bench, bedside, and population.

About MUSC

Founded in 1824, the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) continues the tradition of excellence in education, research, and patient care. MUSC educates and trains more than 3,000 students and 700 residents in six colleges and has nearly 13,000 employees, including approximately 1,500 faculty members. As the state's only academic health science center and largest non-federal employer in Charleston, the university and its affiliates have collective annual budgets of over \$2.4 billion, with an annual economic impact of nearly \$4 billion and annual research funding of over \$275 million. MUSC operates a 700-bed medical center, which includes a nationally recognized children's hospital, the NCI-designated Hollings Cancer Center, a Level I trauma center, the Institute of Psychiatry, more than 100 outreach locations across the state, and South Carolina's only transplant center.

About Hollings Cancer Center

Hollings Cancer Center (HCC) at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) is the only National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated cancer center in South Carolina, serving 5.2M residents. As an NCI-designated cancer center, HCC is part of an elite network of 72 cancer centers across the country recognized for our dedication to delivering cutting-edge treatments to patients and conducting innovative research to serve the unique needs of our state. HCC is also one of just 14 National Cancer Institute Minority/Underserved Community Oncology Research Programs (NCORP-MU) nationwide to bring clinical trials to patients in their communities and reduce disparities in access to care based on regional or socioeconomic status.

A Commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

MUSC and Hollings Cancer Center value faculty committed to advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion in their research and teaching. In their cover letter, candidates may include a brief explanation of how they will further these ideals. Candidates from underrepresented populations are strongly encouraged to apply.

Living in Charleston, SC

Historic Charleston is a beautiful city in coastal South Carolina, consistently rated as a top city in the United States, with easy access to fine dining, museums, and beaches.

Minimum Qualifications

M.D./Ph.D. equivalent doctoral degree in epidemiology (preferred), public health, health services research, psychology, health behavior, health economics, or a health-related social sciences field.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should **submit their application on the MUSC website**. Applications will include:

1. a curriculum vitae,
2. a concise research statement describing past accomplishments and their professional vision (3 pages or less),
3. a diversity statement describing their past contributions to equity, diversity, and inclusion and future plans to continue these efforts (2 pages or less), and
4. name and contact information for three academic references.

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MUSC is an Equal Opportunity Employer, supporting workplace diversity.

MUSC Hollings Cancer Center | At a Glance

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Hollings Cancer Center received the renewal of a five-year grant in 2023 from the NCI and achieved its best score ever of “outstanding performance,” providing almost \$11 million

over the next five years to advance cancer research programs, sustain the work of scientific leadership and administration and maintain essential infrastructure, which includes shared resources for cancer scientists.



In the 2028 renewal cycle, Hollings Cancer Center will seek the highest level of excellence in cancer research from the NCI: Comprehensive Cancer Center status.

Nationally Ranked

U.S. News & World Report named MUSC Health as a high performing hospital for cancer care in its latest rankings. MUSC Hollings Cancer Center offers clinical expertise, advanced technology and state-of-the-art treatments that are only available at the nation’s best hospitals, including immunotherapy and CART-cell therapy.



By the Numbers



140
cancer scientists



6
colleges



20 academic
departments



\$50 M annual
research funding portfolio



46 counties served with
patients from each one



200
clinical trials



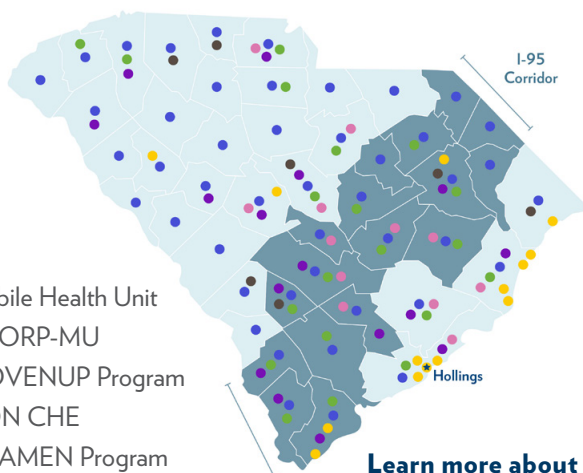
South Carolina is 3/4 rural,
requiring targeted outreach
programs



Mobile Health Unit breast and
cervical screenings since 2006

Serving the Entire State

Through a range of community outreach programs, Hollings makes cancer prevention, screenings, and awareness more accessible across the state. These efforts prioritize areas that are home to individuals who have difficulties accessing health care and are at greater risk of developing cancer.



- Mobile Health Unit
- NCORP-MU
- MOVENUP Program
- NON CHE
- SC AMEN Program
- HPV Vaccination Van

[Learn more about these programs](#)

Medical University of South Carolina | At a Glance

Overview

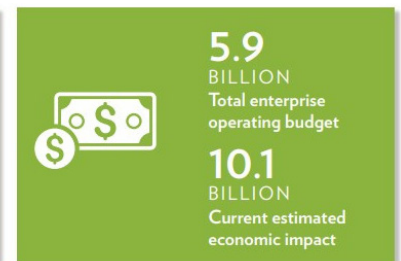
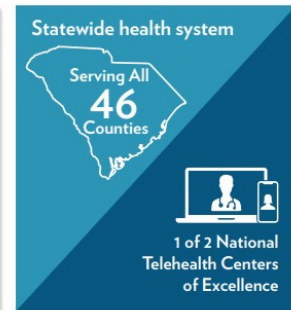
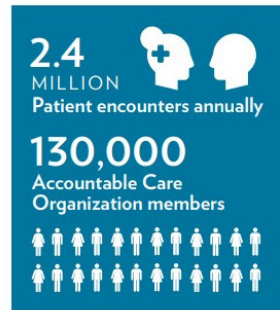
Founded in 1824 in Charleston, MUSC is the state's only comprehensive academic health system, with a unique mission to preserve and optimize human life in South Carolina through education, research and patient care. Each year, MUSC educates more than 3,200 students in six colleges – Dental Medicine, Graduate Studies, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy – and trains more than 900 residents and fellows in its health system. MUSC brought in more than \$300 million in research funds in fiscal year 2023, leading the state overall in research funding. MUSC also leads the state in federal and National Institutes of Health funding.

MUSC has a total enterprise annual operating budget of \$5.9 billion. The nearly 26,000 MUSC family members include world-class faculty, physicians, specialty providers, scientists, students, affiliates and care team members who deliver groundbreaking education, research, and patient care.

Health System

As the health care system of the Medical University of South Carolina, MUSC Health is dedicated to delivering the highest-quality and safest patient care while educating and training generations of outstanding health care providers and leaders to serve the people of South Carolina and beyond. Patient care is provided at 16 hospitals (includes owned or governing interest), with approximately 2,700 beds and four additional hospital locations in development, more than 350 telehealth sites and nearly 750 care locations situated in all regions of South Carolina. In 2023, for the ninth consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report named MUSC Health University Medical Center in Charleston the Number 1 hospital in South Carolina.

MUSC By the Numbers



MUSC Health is thrilled to be one of only 34 health systems named to Forbes' list of Best Large Employers across the country.



In 2023, MUSC Health was again included on Forbes' list of Best Employers by state.

Lowcountry Living



Named by Livability as one of the Best Cities to Live in America and by Travel and Leisure as a top spot to visit, Charleston is the oldest city in South Carolina. The “Holy City” is an exciting combination of history, hospitality and culture. Mild winters, beautiful landscapes, great leisure activities and an unmatched culinary scene all further contribute to the good life in Charleston.