

Ph.D. Students in Tumor Immunology and Cancer Immunotherapy

Positions & Availability: 2 Openings; Immediately Available.

Description:

The Yang Engineering Immunity Lab in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics and the Broad Stem Cell Research Center at UCLA is currently seeking highly motivated Ph.D. students in tumor immunology and cancer immunotherapy. The Yang Laboratory focuses on dissecting the cellular and molecular mechanisms regulating tumor immunology and utilizing the knowledge to engineer immune cells against cancer. **Two active research directions are:** **1)** to identify new molecular targets for developing next-generation cancer immunotherapy, and **2)** to develop “off-the-shelf” CAR-iNKT cell therapy for cancer. Working closely with a group of world-class scientists and clinicians from UCLA/Caltech/USC/COH at the Los Angeles area, the Yang Laboratory provides broad trainings and a highly collaborative environment for basic and clinical translational cancer immunology research.

Qualifications:

- B.S. or M.S. in Biology, Immunology, Bioengineering or related field with solid background in molecular and cellular biology
- Strong interest to conduct research in tumor immunology and cancer immunotherapy
- Ability to work independently and also in a group/collaborative environment
- Effective communications skills, self-motivated

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Interested applicant should send a CV and three references to:

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Application to UCLA Graduate School:

In order to be accepted into UCLA, the interested Ph.D. applicants need to apply for graduate school admissions *via* **Graduate Programs in Bioscience**. There are a total of 10 home areas. While the Yang Lab is associated with multiple home areas, the applicants are encouraged to apply through the **IMMP** (Immunity, Microbes & Molecular Pathogenesis) program. The link to APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS is <http://immp.mbi.ucla.edu/admissions>. Please feel free to contact Dr. Lili Yang for a pre-application evaluation, and feel free to list Dr. Lili Yang on your interview request. Please notice that the application deadline is **December 1** of a given year.