



CORICA

UCLA • Community Research in Cancer

About the CORICA Network

The UCLA **C**ommunity **R**esearch **I**n **C**ancer (CORICA) Network will bring together academic and community resources to eliminate cancer disparities through cancer prevention. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Cancer Institute have provided five years of funding for CORICA. The aim of the CORICA Network is to build partnerships between community-based organizations and researchers to do cancer prevention research.

Why you should get involved

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in California. While many cancers are preventable and treatable if identified early and cared for promptly, Californian communities face considerable cancer risks such as high rates of tobacco use, poor diet, sedentary lifestyle, and low access to healthcare. By becoming involved in the network, we can work together to better understand cancer-related needs in our communities and devise ways to address them. Taking part in the network will not only benefit your community, but what we learn may help other communities address their cancer-related needs.

Who can get involved

Participation in the UCLA CORICA Network is open to anyone concerned about cancer such as health professionals, community and civic leaders and organizations. There is no fee to be part of the network, but we do ask for active participation to address cancer needs in your community.

Mini Grants

Mini-grants are offered to community-based organizations for specific cancer-related activities like identifying cancer prevention resources in your communities, implementing needs assessments, conducting staff trainings on cancer prevention topics and other projects. Grants can be funded up to \$3,000 for one year. The application process consists of a one-page description of the proposed project, with a brief budget justification.

For more information about the mini-grants and to learn more about the UCLA CORICA Network please contact Ritesh Mistry, PhD, MPH.

Proposed Network Activities

- Develop and strengthen partnerships with local health and community-based organizations
- Develop, implement and evaluate programs to reduce cancer
- Provide cancer prevention information, training and technical assistance to community-based organizations

Areas of Research Interest

- Cancer screening
- Nutrition and physical activity
- Tobacco use
- Obesity

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The CORICA logo represents a weaving together of different strands to create a new whole; in this case, bringing together the elements of community members, government, researchers and health providers to address issues of cancer prevention and control. Weaving is also an art form, both practical and aesthetic, that has a long tradition in many cultures.