

December 6, 2023

Colleagues,

The Dean's Office is seeking nominations for the **Hyman L. Battle Distinguished Cancer Research Award**.

The purpose of the award, which was established in 2007 by the Battle Foundation of Rocky Mount, is to recognize sustained, exceptional cancer research over a career by faculty at The University of North Carolina School of Medicine. In unusual circumstances, the award might also recognize a faculty member's ground-breaking cancer discovery and/or high-impact publication. The Battle Foundation prefers to recognize outstanding basic science research, but leading achievements in clinical and/or translational research can also qualify. The value of the award is **\$25,000**. Previous winners have included Yi Zhang, Nancy Raab-Traub, Yanping Zhang, Channing Der, Yue Xiong, Joseph Pagano, Charles Perou, Sharon Campbell, Jenny Ting, Shelton Earp, Gary Johnson, Aziz Sancar, Ron Swanstrom, Dirk Dittmer, Blossom Damania, and Al Baldwin.

Hyman L. Battle (1896-1972) established The Battle Foundation in 1946. Like his grandfather Kemp Plummer Battle, who was an early president of UNC-Chapel Hill, Hyman was deeply interested in education. He was a volunteer leader of several educational institutions, including UNC-Chapel Hill. During the 1950s, he served on the executive committee of the Good Health Association.

You are encouraged to submit nominations for individuals who you feel are deserving of this recognition. All nominations must include a **curriculum vitae**, a **primary letter of nomination**, and at least **one additional letter of support**.

Please email submissions to as a single pdf to oor_submissions@med.unc.edu and contact Jennifer Brennan with any questions (jenbren@med.unc.edu). The nominations and supporting documents are due no later than **January 30, 2024**.

Thank you in advance for your nominations.

Sincerely yours,



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