**Frequently Asked Questions:** Trainees seeking a PhD education in Cancer Biology or a related area with a focus on Breast Cancer Health Disparities.

1. **What is the Komen Graduate Training in Disparities Research Grant (GTDR)?**

The Komen Graduate Training in Disparities Research Grant has been awarded to Cancer Biology faculty members**,** [**Michele Cote**](http://cancerbiologyprogram.med.wayne.edu/faculty/cote.php), PhD and [**Manohar Ratnam**,](http://cancerbiologyprogram.med.wayne.edu/faculty/ratnam.php) PhD, to provide tuition and a stipend for doctoral trainees who are interested in breast cancer disparities research.

2. **Who can apply?**

We are interested in students with a BS in science, laboratory experience a plus. All candidates will be considered on an individual basis. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

3. **How do I apply?**

The application process is exactly the same for all Cancer Biology students. [**See here**](http://cancerbiologyprogram.med.wayne.edu/prospective-students.php) for more details. In your research and/or personal statement, please describe your interest in breast cancer disparities research.

4. **How does this differ from training received in Cancer Biology?**

Overall, the same courses are taken, but Komen GTDR trainees also take two population science courses (three credits) and two seminars (one credit) focused on breast cancer biology and disparities. There are also monthly career development seminars and interaction with breast cancer advocates to underscore the translational importance of the training.

5. **What does the Komen GTDR provide?**

Komen GTDR trainees have tuition and a stipend provided for one year, with renewal for a second year available. In addition, travel to a national meeting and some funds for research expenses are provided.