NEW PROGRAM COMING SOON!

Carle Foundation Hospital, through its Cancer Center, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will be jointly launching a graduate education and training program titled **Cancer Scholars for Translational and Applied Research (C\*STAR)** during the fall 2015 semester.

This campus-wide graduate education program fosters translational research and near-term benefits to the patients served by Carle and to the Urbana-Champaign and surrounding communities.

Five cancer-based sites have been identified for focus and research that include (1) breast, (2) prostate, (3) gastrointestinal, (4) gynecological, and (5) lung.

Up to six students per year will have the opportunity to work with a Carle Cancer Center physician and an Illinois faculty member on a cancer-relevant project.

Funding will be provided for up to three years. These graduate fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis, and will be reviewed annually by a joint steering committee.

Students will be given firsthand experience working on a clinically relevant project that addresses cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, or treatment.

Students and faculty members who are funded by the program will participate in programs and activities including grand rounds, site-alternating monthly workshops, quarterly collaborative update meetings, and joint seminars held every other week.

Eligibility: Open to graduate students interested in cancer research across disciplines. **First year graduate students are ineligible.**

**Program goals include:**
- Establishing faculty and clinician mentoring programs for graduate students.
- Fostering connections between Carle physician-scientists and Illinois faculty that lead to innovative research projects.
- Developing the foundation for tangible translational outcomes.
- Employing the program to attract high-quality clinician-scientists to Carle and translation-focused faculty to the university.
- More effectively including Carle physicians, resources, and facilities into multi-PI efforts.

More information will be available at the program launch reception, which is being hosted by Carle on April 23, 3-5p.m. at the Mills Breast Cancer Center – House worth Conference Room (2nd Floor at 509 W. University Avenue - Urbana). Parking is available in the Carle south garage adjacent to Carle Cancer Center.

Please RSVP acceptances only to Janet Iverson at janet.iverson@carle.com.