The Onco-Slayers are composed of students, faculty, and staff at the UCI Cancer Research Institute who work on a daily basis to better understand cancer. With the complexity of cancer it is important to keep research going on all the different types of cancers from skin and breast cancers to colon cancer, leukemia, and others. We would like to invite you to join the Cancer Research Institute along with the students, faculty and staff who have started The Onco-Slayers for the Anti-Cancer Challenge.

"Onco" comes from the Greek "onkos" which means burden. And the burden of cancer is something that is well recognized from cancer medicine (oncology) to the research into markers that cause normal cells to become cancer cells (oncogenes). For one individual, a burden can seem too much to bear. But if that same burden is spread between many individuals united, the load is lightened. The goal of The Onco-Slayers is to lighten the burden of cancer, and we would like your help.

If you are interested in participating in the events June 10-11 you can officially join the team, but if you would rather just help fundraise you are still welcome to participate in The Onco-Slayers' events without registering. To officially join The Onco-Slayers you can follow the link below to sign-up for the Anti-Cancer Challenge. There are multiple ways to participate and you will be asked to select how you will participate in the events June 10-11th. You can register as a rider or runner (which requires a $50+ starting donation), or you can also participate in the events as a volunteer (no starting donation required). For more information visit:

Anti-Cancer Challenge Homepage: [http://uci.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1060&pg=entry](http://uci.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1060&pg=entry)
The Onco-Slayers: [http://uci.convio.net/site/TR/Events/General?team_id=1175&pg=team&fr_id=1060](http://uci.convio.net/site/TR/Events/General?team_id=1175&pg=team&fr_id=1060)

Before June, there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved with The Onco-Slayers. For anyone interested in volunteering at The Onco-Slayers' fundraising events please email the CRI at (CRI email address). Additionally, you can donate to the Onco-Slayers online through the Anti-Cancer Challenge website.

Every little bit helps and we look forward to your support,
Jessica Flesher and Liza Selwan
The Onco-Slayers Team Captains