

NCI Transition Career Development Workshop

Workshop Goal: To facilitate current NCI career development awardees and prospective applicants to become better acquainted with the elements involved in transitioning to cancer research independence.

Day 1: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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11:00-11:15 am Introductory Remarks and Overview of the National Cancer Institute

Nas Zahir, PhD, Branch Director, Center for Cancer Training (CCT), NCI

11:15-12:15 pm Opportunities and Challenges of Transitioning to Research Independence for PhD-trained K Awardees: Perspective from Current Research Project Grant Awardees and Former K99/R00 and K22 Awardees

Five 10-Minute Talks by Former NCI K99/R00 and K22 Awardees with Current Research Project Grants followed by Question and Answer (Q&A)

Moderator: Michael Schmidt, PhD, Program Director, CCT, NCI

Shaneda Warren Andersen, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin, Former K99/R00 Awardee

Sigrid V. Carlsson, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Former K22 Awardee

Thales Papagiannakopoulos, PhD, Associate Professor, New York University Medical Center, Former K22 Awardee

Diana Cittelly, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus, Former K22 to Promote Diversity Awardee

Justin D. Lathia, PhD, Professor, Cleveland Clinic, Former K99/R00 Awardee

Q&A

12:15-12:25 pm Break

12:25-12:55 pm Opportunities and Challenges of Transitioning to Research Independence for MD and MD, PhD-trained K Awardees: Perspective from Current Research Project Grant Awardees and Former K08 Awardees

Two 10-Minute Talks by Former NCI K08 Awardees with Research Project Grants followed by Q&A

Moderator: Susan Lim, PhD, Program Director, CCT, NCI

Andrew Aguirre, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Former K08 to Promote Diversity Awardee

Kevin Bruce Jones, MD, Professor, University of Utah, Former K08 Awardee

Q&A

12:55-1:20 pm Panel Discussion: Opportunities and Challenges of Transitioning to Research Independence for NCI Career Development Awardees: Perspective from Current Research Project Grant Awardees and Former Career Development Awardees

Moderator: Susan Lim, PhD, Program Director, CCT, NCI

1:20-2:00 pm Lunch Break

2:00-3:40 pm Introduction to NIH/NCI Grants System from a Program Director's Perspective: What Applicants Need to Know about the Divisions at NCI
Five 20-Minute Talks by R01 Program Directors Representing the NCI Divisions, Offices, and Centers

Moderator: Jessica Faupel-Badger, PhD, MPH, Planning Officer, Division of Cancer Prevention, NCI

David Miller, PhD, Program Director, Division of Cancer Biology, NCI

Paige Green, PhD, Program Director and Branch Chief, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, NCI

Asad Umar, PhD, Program Director and Branch Chief, Division of Cancer Prevention, NCI

Sundar Venkatachalam, PhD, Program Director and Branch Chief, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, NCI

Tiffany Wallace, PhD, Program Director, Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, NCI

3:40-4:00 pm Panel Discussion: Introduction to NIH/NCI Grants System from a Program Director's Perspective

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4:00 pm Adjourn Day 1

Day 2: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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11:00-11:40 am

NIH Funding to Support Your Research: Roles of Program Directors and Scientific Review Officers

Two 15-Minute Talks by an NCI Program Director and a CSR Scientific Review Officer followed by Q&A

Moderator: Mariam Eljanne, PhD, Program Director, CCT, NCI

Chamelli Jhappan, PhD, Program Director, Division of Cancer Biology, NCI

Amy Rubinstein, PhD, Scientific Review Officer and Branch Chief, Center for Scientific Review, NIH

Q&A

11:40-12:05 pm

NIH Funding to Support Your Research: Role of Grants Management at NCI
One 20-Minute Talk by NCI Grants Management Staff followed by Q&A

Moderator: Anu Puri, PhD, Program Director, CCT, NCI

Sean Hine, Deputy Director, Office of Grants Administration, NCI

Amy Bartosch, Branch Chief, Office of Grants Administration, NCI

Q&A

12:05-12:45 pm

Lunch Break

12:45-1:50 pm

Panel Discussion: What Reviewers Look for in Your RPG Application: Perspectives from Reviewers

Four 5-Minute Synopses by Panelists followed by Q&A

Moderator: Yansong Bian, MD, PhD, Program Director, CCT, NCI

Marcus DaSilva Goncalves, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Weill Cornell Medical College

Elana Judith Fertig, PhD, Professor, Johns Hopkins University

Chi-Chen Hong, PhD, Associate Professor, Roswell Park Cancer Center

Daniel Wahl, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Michigan

Q&A

1:50-2:00 pm

Break

- 2:00-2:30 pm How to Design Your Research Career to Navigate the Tenure Path
One 20-Minute Talk about the Tenure Process followed by Q&A
- Moderator: Sergey Radaev, PhD**, Program Director, CCT, NCI
- Andrew M. Smith, PhD**, Professor, University of Illinois
- Q&A**
- 2:30-3:10 pm Programs for Promoting Diversity in Cancer Research
Two 15-Minute Talks about Programs for Promoting Diversity in Cancer Research followed by Q&A
- Moderator: Hana Odeh, PhD**, Program Director, CCT, NCI
- Behrouz Davani, PhD**, Branch Chief, Diversity Training Branch, Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, NCI
- Shahrooz Vahedi, PhD**, Program Director, Diversity Training Branch, Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, NCI
- Q&A**
- 3:10-3:50 pm Ask the National Cancer Institute Director, Dr. W. Kimryn Rathmell
Questions Submitted by Attendees
- Introduction by Oliver Bogler, PhD**, Director, CCT, NCI
- Moderators:**
Oliver Bogler, PhD, Director, CCT, NCI and
Nas Zahir, PhD, Branch Director, CCT, NCI
- 3:50-4:00 pm Closing Remarks
- Nas Zahir, PhD**, Branch Director, CCT, NCI
- 4:00 pm Adjourn Day 2