

#### DCB/NCI Outreach Activities

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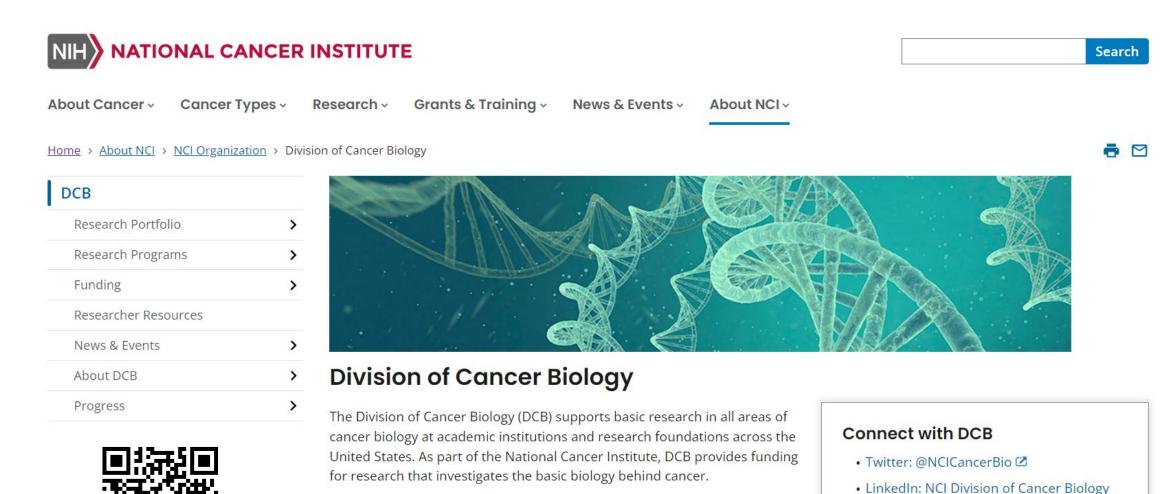
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DCB New Grantee Workshop January 9-10, 2025

## How can DCB/NCI help promote you and your science?

- I. Inform the scientific community of research advances
- II. Communicate research to the general public
- III. Promote NCI priorities and funding opportunities

## Sharing Research, NOFOs, Resources, News, Upcoming Events, and Progress in Cancer Biology



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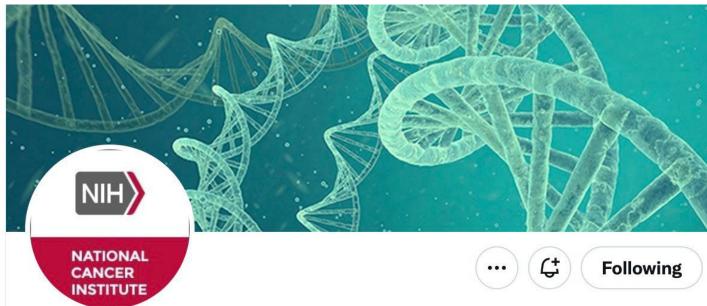
### News and Updates from the Division of Cancer Biology (DCB) December 2023

#### IN THIS EMAIL

- DCB News
- Upcoming DCB Events
- Recent DCB Funding Opportunities
- Notice of Request for Information (RFI) to Facilitate Cancer Systems immunology Research
- Supplements to Support Cancer Disparity Collaborative Research
- NCI-IOTN-SITC-AAI Workshop on Combining Immunotherapy with Radiotherapy: Opportunities and Challenges for Clinical Translation
- 40 Years of Cancer Epigenetics Symposium
- DCB New Grantee Workshop Materials
- 4D Nucleome Hackathon
- · Meet a DCB Staff Member: Michelle Turner



#### Informing the Broader Scientific Community & General Public

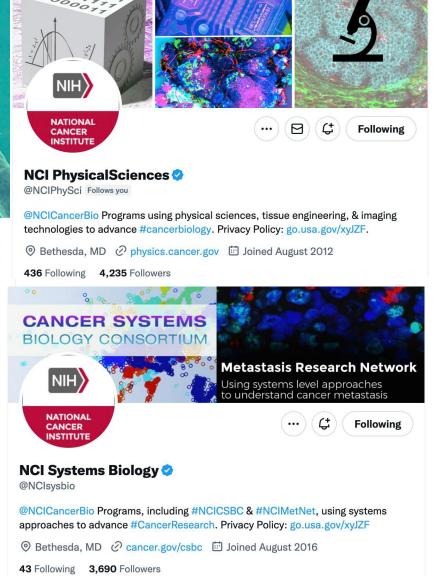


#### NCI Division of Cancer Biology 📀

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Official Twitter account of the NCI Division of Cancer Biology, funding basic cancer biology research. Privacy policy: go.usa.gov/xyJZF

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#### Informing the Broader Scientific Community and General Public



Are you interested in joining exciting discussions with multiple perspectives exploring the application of non-mammalian models for #CancerResearch? @theNCI invites you to join the #BeyondMammals: Exploring Cancer Models Webinar Series: events.cancer.gov/dcb/beyond-mam...

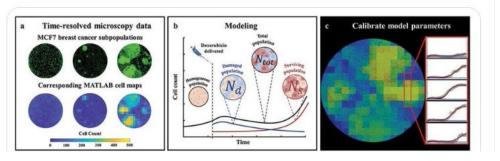


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Researchers @UTAustin #NCICSBC developed a #MathematicalModel for predicting the spatiotemporal response of #BreastCancer cells treated with chemotherapy @tandfonline tandfonline.com/doi/10.1080/15.... #BCSM

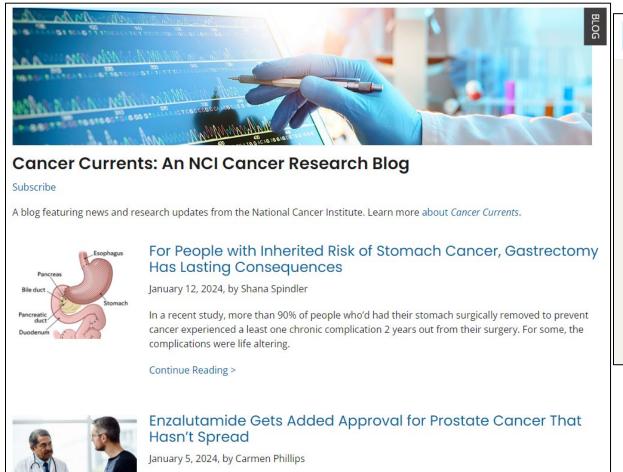




Learn more about @theNCI #FundingOpportunity that supports a Cancer Immunoprevention Network (CIP-Net) Resource Coordinating Center: grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/r...



### We can help to get your work out there





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#### NCI Bottom Line: A Blog about Grants and More

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This grantee-focused blog covers the latest on NCI's fiscal landscape, funding decisions, grants policy news, processes, and more.



#### NCI's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Challenges and Interim Paylines Explained

November 15, 2023, by NCI Acting Director, Dr. Douglas R. Lowy

NCI faces significant challenges while operating under a continuing resolution for fiscal year 2024. In this edition of the Bottom Line, NCI Acting Director Dr. Lowy highlights the impact of this "flat" budget on NCI's ability to support cancer research and shares fiscal year 2024 interim paylines for competing grants.

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#### Leading Progress against Cancer: NCI's Fiscal Year 2025 Professional Judgment Budget Proposal

September 27, 2023, by Director, Center for Research Strategy, Dr. Diane Palmieri

The National Cancer Institute Fiscal Year 2025 Professional Judgment Budget Proposal highlights how, with optimal funding, NCI will support cancer research, train future cancer researchers, and expand and maintain research infrastructure to achieve the goal of ending cancer as we know it for all. In this edition, Dr. Diane Palmieri discusses NCI's proposal to increase funding to support more meritorious cancer research and spotlights one of the five scientific opportunities, the Cancer Research Data Ecosystem, where increased funding will spur advances.

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#### Resources from the Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research

August 3, 2023, by NCI Director Dr. Monica Bertagnolli

In this edition of the NCI Bottom Line blog, Dr. Bertagnolli highlights resources available to researchers from the Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research (FNLCR). From cryo-electron microscopy to the RAS Initiative, FNLCR offers a variety of tools for the scientific community to propel research progress and enable breakthroughs.

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## How program staff help promote you and your science

#### Program Director Roles:

- I. Inform NCI and NIH leadership of research advances
- II. Organize sessions at scientific conferences
- III. Plan strategic workshops
- IV. Develop funding opportunity announcements

### I. Inform NCI and NIH leadership of notable research advances

## Information on scientific achievements may be used by an NCI PD in a variety of contexts

- Generate reports for NCI Leadership
  - Update NCI Board of Scientific Advisors (BSA) or National Cancer Advisory Board (NCAB) on progress in major programs or across general cancer research areas
  - Responses to Congressional inquiries, prepare briefing books
- Share knowledge on research advances with NCI and NIH colleagues
  - Strategic planning
  - Set priorities
  - Coordinate research across different fields
  - Identify gaps in research
  - Identify areas of potential synergy between groups or scientific areas
- Internal journal clubs and seminars

### II. Organize Sessions at Scientific Conferences (not R13)

- PDs may serve as organizers and speakers at national scientific conferences
  - Outreach for NCI programs and funding opportunities
  - Highlight emergent NCI priority areas
  - Grantsmanship mentoring
  - Network investigators from disparate disciplines

































## III. Plan Strategic Scientific Workshops

## NCI sponsors scientific workshops on topic or areas that need coordination

- Intent of NCI workshops;
  - Gain knowledge on the status of the field
  - Identify where gaps exist
  - Determine if NCI coordination or resource
  - Establish or network a community as no

nature genetics

#### PERSPECTIVE

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## Characterizing the ecological and evolutionary dynamics of cancer

Nastaran Zahir¹, Ruping Sun².6, Daniel Gallahan¹, Robert A. Gatenby³ and Christina Curtis <sup>3</sup> 2.4.5 ⊠

Tumor initiation and progression are somatic evolutionary processes driven by the accumulation of genetic alterations, some of which confer selective fitness advantages to the host cell. This gene-centric model has shaped the field of cancer biology and advanced understanding of cancer pathophysiology. Importantly, however, each genotype encodes diverse phenotypic traits that permit acclimation to varied microenvironmental conditions. Epigenetic and transcriptional changes also contribute to

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#### **Opinion**

The Cancer Microbiome: Distinguishing Direct and Indirect Effects Requires a Systemic View

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### III. Plan Strategic Scientific Workshops



Studying the Context and Complexity of Oncogenes and Oncogene Addiction Paradigms in MalignanciEs (SCOPE)

Think Tank

December 9 - 10, 2024



## IV. Develop a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- Identify emerging or understudied scientific areas
  - Assess state of the science, needs, gaps
  - Engage stakeholders
  - Justify the need to NCI or NIH leadership
- Publish as a formal NOFO
- Conduct outreach
  - Promote NOFO
  - Advise applicants
- Partner with SRO for peer review(s)
  - Orientation for peer review
- Manage the NOFO and/or associated Program
  - Connect investigators



Current DCB-sponsored NOFOs (link)

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