

Division of Cancer Biology
25th Annual New Grantee Workshop
January 15 - 16, 2026

DAY 1:

9:30 am Meet and Greet

10:00 am Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Dan Gallahan, PhD
Director, Division of Cancer Biology

Joanna Watson, PhD
NGW Committee Chair
Chief, Tumor Metastasis Branch

10:10 am Session 1: The NCI and Your New Investigator Grant

Moderator: Zhihui Lui, PhD
DNA and Chromosome Aberrations Branch

10:10 am Introduction to the NIH Grants System and DCB

Yin Liu, PhD
Cancer Immunology, Hematology, and Etiology Branch

10:30 am Communicating with Your NCI Program Director: It's a Two-Way Street

Cheryl Cero, PhD
Cancer Cell Biology Branch

10:50 am Post-Award Administration of Your NCI Grant

Candace Cofie
Office of Grants Administration, NCI

11:10 am Panel Q and A – I: Speakers and All Invited Participants

11:20 am Introduction of the Established Investigator Keynote Speaker

Ruibai Luo, PhD
Cancer Cell Biology Branch

Established Investigator:

Michael Shen, PhD
Arthur J Antenucci Professor of Medical Sciences
Genetics and Development and Urological Sciences
Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center
Columbia University

12:00 pm Lunch Break and Poster Session

2:30 pm Session 2: Supporting your team and science

Moderator: Hannah Dueck, PhD
Biophysics, Bioengineering, and Computational Sciences Branch

2:30 pm Awards to Support Mentored Early Career Cancer Researchers

Nas Zahir, PhD
Acting Director
Center for Cancer Training, NCI

2:50 pm DCB/NCI Research Resources

Cindy Kyi, PhD
Biophysics, Bioengineering, and Computational Sciences Branch
Office of Cancer Genomics

3:05 pm DCB/NCI Communication Resources

Claire McCarthy, PhD
Office of the Director, DCB
Office of Cancer Genomics
DNA and Chromosome Aberrations Branch

3:20 pm Panel Q and A – II: Speakers and all invited participants

3:30 pm Session 3: Sharing Responsibilities

Moderator: Soumya Korrapati, PhD
 Office of the Director, DCB
 Cancer Immunology, Hematology, and Etiology Branch

3:30 pm NCI Requirements Regarding Data Deposition

Justin Benavidez, PhD
Tumor Metastasis Branch

3:55 pm Thoughts about Sharing Resources and Data

Dmitrijs Lvovs, PhD
Research Associate, University of Maryland, Baltimore
BTC Scientist, *Break Through Cancer*

4:30 pm Panel Q and A – III: Speakers and all invited participants

5:00 pm Adjourn Day 1

