



Division of Cancer Biology
21st Annual New Grantee Workshop
January 12 – 13, 2022

Day 1, January 12:

- 1 pm Welcome and Introductory Remarks**
Joanna Watson, PhD
Tumor Metastasis Branch
- Dan Gallahan, PhD
Director, Division of Cancer Biology
- 1:10 pm Session 1: The NCI and Your New Investigator Grant**
Moderator: Kris Sunderic, PhD
Structural Biology and Mathematical Applications Branch
- 1:15 pm Introduction to the NIH Grants System and DCB**
Ian Fingerman, PhD
DNA Chromosomal Aberrations Branch
- 1:30 pm NCI Budget Processes – How is Grant Funding Policy Made?**
Jai Sivakumara
Office of Extramural Finance and Information Analysis, NCI
- 1:45 pm Communicating with Your NCI Program Director: It's a Two-Way Street**
Kristine Willis, PhD
Cancer Cell Biology Branch
- 2:00 pm Post-Award Administration (Funding) of Your NCI Grant**
Amy Bartosch
Office of Grants Administration, NCI
- 2:15 pm Panel Discussion I: All Invited Participants and NCI Staff**
- 2:30 pm Break**



2:45 pm Session 2: Expanding your NCI Resources

Moderator: Wanning Xu, PhD
Cancer Cell Biology Branch

2:45 pm DCB/NCI Research Resources

Lillian Kuo, PhD
Cancer Immunology, Hematology, and Etiology Branch

3:00 pm Awards to Support Trainees

Nas Zahir, PhD
Chief, Cancer Training Branch
Center for Cancer Training, NCI

3:15 pm Cancer Health Disparities Research and Diversity Training Opportunities

Alison Lin, PhD
Acting Chief, Diversity Training Branch
Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, NCI

3:30 pm Panel Discussion II: All invited participants and NCI Staff

3:45 pm Break

4:00 pm Keynote I: Comments from the NCI Director

Dr. Ned Sharpless
Director, National Cancer Institute

4:30 pm Scientific Branch Meetings of Grantees with NCI Staff

Q&A for grantees with NCI Program and Grants Administration Staff

5:30 pm Adjourn Day 1



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Day 2, January 13:

1:00 pm Session 3: Next Steps and Getting Involved with the NCI and NIH

Moderator: Christine Nadeau, PhD
Tumor Metastasis Branch

1:00 pm Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

Jeff Hildesheim, PhD
Tumor Biology and Microenvironment Branch

1:05 pm Keynote II: They could have told me this when I got my first R01

Ashani Weeraratna, PhD
Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Cancer Biology
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

1:35 pm Cancer Research and Patient Advocacy

Oliver Bogler, PhD
Director, Center for Cancer Training

1:50 pm NIH Review: Life as an Established Investigator and Reviewer

Amy Rubenstein, PhD
Chief, Oncology – Basic Translational IRG,
Center for Scientific Review, NIH

2:05 pm NCI's Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and anti-Harassment

Shannon Hughes, PhD
Deputy Director, Division of Cancer Biology

2:20 pm DCB/NCI Outreach Activities

Dave Miller, PhD
Structural Biology and Mathematical Applications Branch

2:35 pm Panel Discussion II: All invited participants and NCI Staff

2:50 pm Break

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4:00 pm Adjourn Day 2