

**Division of Cancer Biology
23rd Annual New Grantee Workshop**

January 24 – 25, 2024

DAY 1:

- 11:00 am** **Meet and Greet**
- 12:00 pm** **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**
Dan Gallahan, PhD
Director, Division of Cancer Biology
- Housekeeping Remarks
Joanna Watson, PhD
NGW Committee Chair
Chief, Tumor Metastasis Branch
- 12:15 pm** **Session 1: The NCI and Your New Investigator Grant**
Moderator: Anu Sharman, PhD
DNA and Chromosome Aberrations Branch
- 12:15 pm** **Introduction to the NIH Grants System and DCB**
Christine Nadeau, PhD
Tumor Metastasis Branch
- 12:30 pm** **NCI Budget Processes – How is Grant Funding Policy Made?**
Jai Sivakumara
Office of Extramural Finance and Information Analysis, NCI
- 12:45 pm** **Communicating with Your NCI Program Director: It's a Two-Way Street**
Natalia Mercer, PhD
Tumor Biology and Microenvironment Branch
- 1:00 pm** **Post-Award Administration (Funding) of Your NCI Grant**
Amy Bartosch
Branch Chief
Office of Grants Administration, NCI
- 1:15 pm** **Panel Q and A – I: Speakers and All Invited Participants**
- 1:35 pm** **Break**
- 2:00 pm** **Session 2: Supporting your team and Expanding your Research Enterprise**
Moderator: Eric Johnson-Chavarria, PhD
Biophysics, Bioengineering, and Computational Sciences Branch

- 2:00 pm** **Awards to Support Trainees**
Nas Zahir, PhD
Branch Director, Cancer Training Branch
Center for Cancer Training, NCI
- 2:15 pm** **Awards to Support Trainees and the Science in Health Disparities**
Tiffany Wallace, PhD
Program Lead, Disparities and Equity Program
Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities
- 2:30 pm** **NCI's Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion, Equity**
LeeAnn Bailey, MBBS, PhD, MS
Chief, Integrated Networks Branch
Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities
- 2:45 pm** **Panel Q and A – II: Speakers and all invited participants**
- 3:00 pm** **Additional Funding Opportunities**
Keren Witkin, PhD
DNA and Chromosome Aberrations Branch
- 3:15 pm** **DCB/NCI Research Resources**
Stefan Maas, PhD
Cancer Cell Biology Branch
- 3:30 pm** **Thoughts about Sharing Resources and Data**
Adrian Lee, PhD
Foundation Chair and Director of Institute for Precision Medicine,
Professor, Pharmacology & Chemical Biology
University of Pittsburgh
- 4:00 pm** **Panel Q and A – III: Speakers and all invited participants**
- 4:15 pm** **Break**
- 4:25 pm** **Introduction of the NCI Director**
Keynote I: Thoughts and Comments from the NCI Director
W. Kimryn Rathmell, MD, PhD
Director, National Cancer Institute
- 5:00 pm** **Adjourn Day 1**
- DAY 2:**
- 8:30 am** **Meet & Greet**
- 9:00 am** **Recap of Day 1**

- 9:10 am** **Introduction of the Keynote Speaker**
Elizabeth Woodhouse, PhD
Tumor Biology and Microenvironment Branch
- Keynote II:**
Anirban Maitra, MBBS
Professor of Pathology and Translational Molecular Pathology
Scientific Director of the Sheikh Ahmed Pancreatic Cancer Research Center
UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
- 10:00 am** **Session 3: Review, Renew, and Promote Your Science**
Moderator: Michael Weinreich, PhD
DNA Chromosome Aberrations Branch
- 10:00 am** **Peer Review at NIH**
Amy Rubinstein, PhD
Chief, Basic and Translational Cancer Review Branch,
Center for Scientific Review, NIH
- 10:15 am** **Review, Resubmissions, and Renewals – the Program Perspective**
Wanping Xu, PhD
Cancer Cell Biology Branch
- 10:30 am** **DCB/NCI Outreach Activities to Promote Science**
Steven Becker, PhD
Biophysics, Bioengineering, and Computational Sciences Branch
- 10:45 am** **Panel Q and A – IV: Speakers and all invited participants**
- 11:00 am** **Scientific Branch Meetings of Grantees with NCI Staff**
Q&A for grantees with NCI Program and Grants Administration Staff in breakout rooms
- 12:30 pm** **Adjourn Day 2**