What Is CRTEC?
CRTEC stands for “Cancer Research Training, Education, and Career Enhancement.” (You might be more familiar with our department’s previous name, “Education and Training”.) We are responsible for a broad spectrum of formal training programs, seminars, conferences, and educational events spanning the academic continuum from middle school through postgraduate education with career enhancement continuing to include faculty.

- **T32 Training Grant**
  We are currently recruiting for a postdoctoral position in the area of Cancer Metabolism and Growth and Tumor Host Interactions. This fellow will be fully funded for two years by an NCI T32 training grant. More information is available at cinj.org/education/cancer-metabolism-and-growth-and-tumor-host-interactions-t32-training-grant.

- **Scholars and Early-Stage Advancement (SEA) Initiative**
  This new initiative is designed to identify, recruit, and support scholars, including post-docs and graduate students, from under-served groups. Planned activities include a monthly professional development series, as well as additional opportunities for networking. Interested students may contact Anthony Jones at antjones@rutgers.edu.

2024 Annual Retreat on Cancer Research in New Jersey
The Annual Retreat will take place on May 23, 2024, at the Rutgers College Avenue Student Center in New Brunswick. Presented in collaboration with the New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research (NJCCR), the Annual Retreat is a gathering of world-renowned scientists in the cancer field. We are currently accepting abstracts from any trainees who would like to present a poster at this event. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Visit cinj.org/education/annual-retreat to register or submit a poster.

Rutgers Youth Enjoy Science (RUYES)
The RUYES program is actively recruiting for Summer 2024! RUYES seeks to encourage youth from groups that are underrepresented in the biomedical sciences to pursue cancer research and healthcare careers. Positions are available for high school and undergraduate students, as well as high school teachers. The early decision for the RUYES program is February 23. For more information and the link to submit a qualification survey, visit cinj.org/education/rutgers-youth-enjoy-science-ruyes-program-overview.

**UPCOMING DISTINGUISHED LECTURES**

- **February 7th:** Kathleen H. Burns, MD, PhD, Chair, Department of Pathology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; Professor of Pathology, Harvard Medical School
- **March 14th:** José R. Conejo-Garcia, MD, PhD, Duke Science and Technology Scholar, Department of Integrated Immunobiology, Duke School of Medicine
- **April 3rd:** Narendra Wajapeyee, PhD, Professor Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics; Co-Leader, Experimental Therapeutics Program, UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Maria Victoria Da Silva, Daniel Herranz Benito, Maya Aleksandrova, Komal Mandleywala, and Animesh Kar at the October 2023 Rutgers Cancer Institute – Ludwig Princeton Branch Annual Cancer Research Symposium. Approximately 150 people participated in this collaborative research event.