

SEA Newsletter

November, 2025

Happy November!

Welcome to SEA's first newsletter! A lot is happening this month - here's what's new and what's next



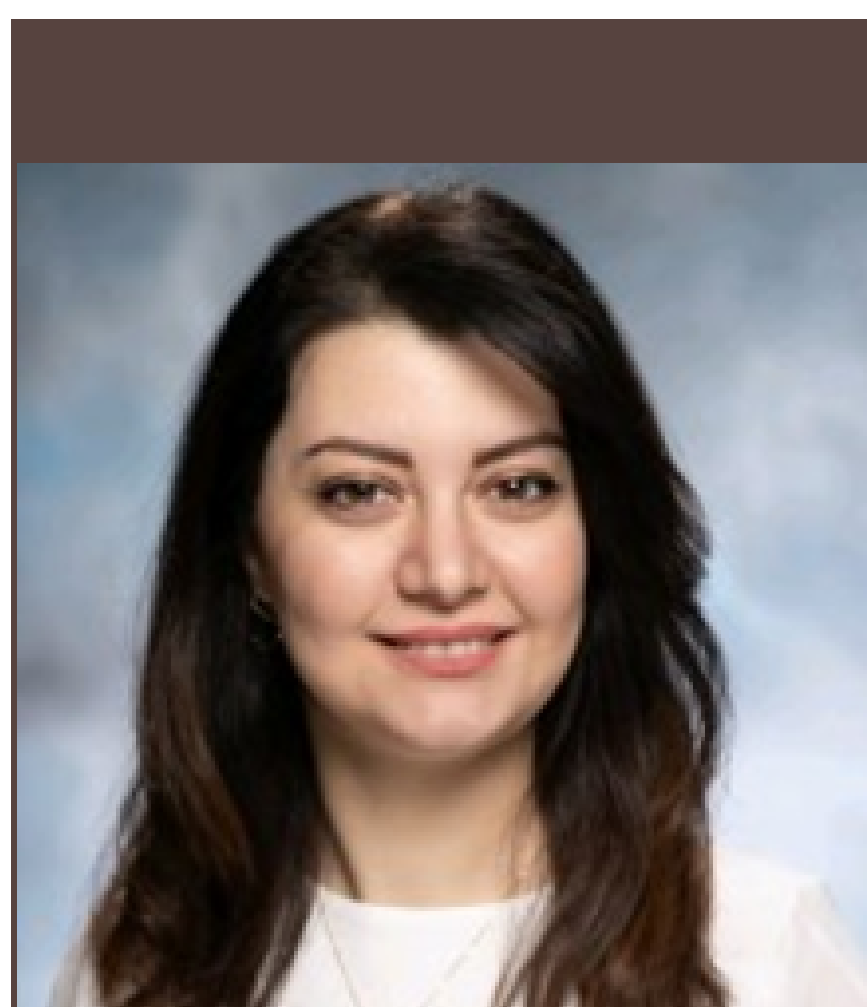
Dr. Marat at Rutgers Cancer Institute

Professional Development

On September 9th, Andrea Marat, Ph.D., Deputy Editor of the *Journal of Cell Biology*, visited Rutgers Cancer Institute to meet with SEA scholars for an engaging workshop on scientific writing and publication. She shared valuable insights on structuring a strong scientific paper, navigating the editorial process, and selecting the right journal for their research. The session concluded with a Q&A, where attendees gained practical advice and encouragement on advancing their work toward publication.

October Spotlight Recipient

Elaheh is a PhD candidate at Rutgers Cancer Institute, where she began her doctoral training in 2021 and joined Dr. Kyle Payne's laboratory in 2022. Her dissertation investigates the tumor cell-intrinsic role of BLTP_{3A}, a novel tumor microenvironmental stress-response molecule, in high-grade serous ovarian cancer (HGSOC). Her work is supported by the prestigious NIH/NCI F99/K00 Predoctoral-to-Postdoctoral Transition Award.



Elaheh S. Hosseini, PhD

SEA Travel Awards ✈

SEA offers travel grants of up to \$2,000 per year to support trainees who are presenting research at professional conferences with funds available to cover registration, travel, and hotel expenses.

Eligibility

- Demonstrated interest in a career in biomedical research
- U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident (LPR/green card holder)
- Actively presenting (poster or oral) at a professional conference
- Mentor is a member of Rutgers Cancer Institute
- Participation in community outreach or professional development at Rutgers Cancer Institute (e.g., peer mentoring, trainee seminar attendance)

How to Apply

1. Complete the SEA Initiative Qualtrics survey.
2. Submit a letter of support from your PI/faculty mentor.
 - Email letters to Dr. Sunita Chaudhary at chaudhs4@cinj.rutgers.edu.

Explore the SEA Canvas Page!

Your one-stop hub for career growth, funding, and community. The SEA Canvas page offers resources to help you advance your career, find funding opportunities, and connect with peers and mentors. It also features wellness content to support your work–life balance, along with access to essential Rutgers programs and services to help you thrive. Join us on Canvas to stay connected and make the most of your SEA experience!

To join, please send an email to fn130@cinj.rutgers.edu to express your interest!

Interested in Joining SEA?

For more information on the SEA initiative, please visit cinj.org/SEA

If you are interested in joining SEA, please click on the link [here](#) or scan the QR code below



Upcoming SEA Events

Transition to Junior Faculty: Career Development Panel

Thursday, December 11, 2:30-4:30 pm

Rutgers Cancer Institute, Auditorium A & B

SEA invites you to a dynamic panel discussion designed to support graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who are interested in pursuing a junior faculty position.

Other Events

Strategic Proposal Writing Workshop: Writing Without Jargon

Thursday, November 6, 1-2 pm (Zoom)

Joseph R. Bertino Memorial Lecture Series

Wednesday, November 12, 4-5 pm

Rutgers Cancer Institute, Auditorium A & B

iJOBS Workshop: A Systematic Approach to Scientific Writing

Friday, November 14, 12:30-2:30 pm (Zoom)

2025 Well-Being in Healthcare Summit

Friday, November 14, 8 am - 5 pm

The Heldrich Hotel and Conference Center, New Brunswick

NIH Grant Writing Mini Course

January 5-9, 2 - 3:30 pm (Zoom)

Enrollment closes December 12



We hope you find this space both engaging and informative. Thank you for being part of the SEA community — stay tuned for more exciting updates in the months ahead!