

# KEYNOTE TALK

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## Career Development Opportunities: The Government Can Help!

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**Abstract:** The National Cancer Institute is committed to the training and support of the next generation of cancer researchers. The NCI funds training at extramural institutions across the nation, using funding mechanisms that include fellowships, career development awards, and institutional training grants. This session will provide a broad overview of this wide range of opportunities, with an emphasis on some new NCI programs for early-stage investigators, as well as some tips and tools for applicants.



**Speaker Bio-Sketch:** Dr. Perkins is Acting Chief of the Cancer Training Branch of the Center for Cancer Training at the National Cancer Institute. She received her BS in biochemistry from North Carolina State University and her doctorate in physiology from the University of Virginia, with further postdoctoral training in neuroendocrine physiology during fellowships at Stanford University and the Johns Hopkins University. She was recruited to NCI in 1990, first as a Senior Staff Fellow and then as an Investigator in what is now the NCI Center for Cancer Research (CCR). Her research interests focused on the development of animal models to study cancer preventive strategies and interactions among nutritional factors, hormones, and genetic susceptibility to cancer. Subsequently, she was concurrently Associate Director of the NCI Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program and a member of the NCI CCR Laboratory of Biosystems and Cancer (2000-2006) and then a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Perkins returned to NCI as a Program Director in the Cancer Training Branch in 2010. Her grants portfolio has included all types of NCI-supported training awards: fellowships, individual career development (K) awards, and T32 and R25 institutional training grants.