



NIEHS 2023 DRIVEN! Meeting Diverse Researcher's Integrated Virtual Engagement Network July 19-20, 2023

Pre-Meeting Activities:

[Mural Introductions](#)

Watch the Video of the Panel Presentation: [Negotiating an Academic Offer for Early-Stage Investigators](#)

AGENDA

(Please note that the Zoom links for each day are different.)

Wednesday, July 19, Day One • 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. EDT • [Join ZoomGov Meeting](#)

Welcome and Introductions

11:00-11:15 a.m.

Welcome to the 2023 DRIVEN! Meeting

[David Balshaw, Ph.D.](#), Director, Division of Extramural Research and Training (DERT),
National Institute of Environmental Sciences (NIEHS)

[Frederick Tyson, Ph.D.](#), Genes, Environment, and Health Branch, NIEHS

[Heather Henry, Ph.D.](#), Hazardous Substances Research Branch, NIEHS

Career Development

11:15 a.m.-noon

Getting to Know NIEHS DERT: Branches, Roles, and Responsibilities

[Cindy Lawler, Ph.D.](#), Genes, Environment, and Health

[Claudia Thompson, Ph.D.](#), Population Health

[Sri Nadadur, Ph.D.](#), Exposure, Response, and Technology

[Danielle Carlin, Ph.D.](#), Hazardous Substances Research

[Jim Remington](#), Worker Education and Training

[Christie Drew, Ph.D.](#), Program Analysis

[Alfonso Latoni, Ph.D.](#), Scientific Review

[Jenny Greer, M.A.](#), Grants Management

Noon-12:30 p.m.

Meet Your NIEHS DERT Staff Breakout Rooms

Room 1: [Genes, Environment, and Health](#)

Room 2: [Population Health](#)

Room 3: [Exposure, Response, and Technology](#)

Room 4: [Hazardous Substances Research](#)

Room 5: [Worker Education and Training](#)

Room 6: [Program Analysis](#)

Room 7: [Scientific Review](#)

Room 8: [Grants Management](#)

- 12:30-1:40 p.m. **Navigating Your EHS Career**
Moderator: [Melissa Smarr, Ph.D.](#), Population Health Branch, NIEHS
- 12:30-1:15 p.m. **[Marguerite Matthews, Ph.D.](#)**, Program Director, Office of Programs to Enhance Neuroscience Diversity, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
[Devon Payne-Sturges, Ph.D.](#), Associate Professor, Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health, University of Maryland School of Public Health
[Tammy Collins, Ph.D.](#), Program Officer, Burroughs Wellcome Fund
[Terry Thompson, Ph.D.](#), Assistant Professor, Division of Preventative Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- 1:15-1:40 p.m. **Questions and Answers**
- 1:40-1:50 p.m. **Break**
- 1:50-2:20 p.m. **Negotiating an Academic Offer for Early-Stage Investigators Flip Conference:**
(Watch the video in advance and join us for a Q&A.)
Moderator: [Lindsey Martin, Ph.D.](#), Population Health Branch, NIEHS
[Alessandro Venosa, Ph.D.](#), Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, University of Utah
[Hakeem Lawal, Ph.D.](#), Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Biological Sciences, Delaware State University
[Maureen Lichtveld, Ph.D.](#), Dean, School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh
- 2:20-3:00 p.m. **Questions and Answers With NIEHS Leadership**
Moderator: [Brittany Trottier, M.P.H.](#), Hazardous Substances Research Branch, NIEHS
- 2:20-2:50 p.m. **[Rick Woychik, Ph.D.](#)**, Director, NIEHS and National Toxicology Program
[Trevor Archer, Ph.D.](#), Deputy Director, NIEHS
[David Balshaw, Ph.D.](#), Director, Division of Extramural Research and Training, NIEHS
- 2:50-3:00 p.m. **Questions and Answers**

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Thursday, July 20, Day Two • 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. EDT • [Join ZoomGov Meeting](#)

Welcome Back and Mural Ice Breaker

- 11:00-11:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction to Day Two and Ice Breaker Activity on Mural**
[Kristi Pettibone, Ph.D.](#), Program Analysis Branch, NIEHS

Career Development

- 11:15 a.m.-noon **Imposter Phenomenon and Syndrome**
- 11:15-11:45 a.m. **[Ericka Reid, Ph.D.](#)**, Director, [Office of Science Education and Diversity](#), NIEHS
- 11:45 a.m.-noon **Questions and Answers**

Career Stage Breakouts

- Noon-12:30 p.m. **Undergraduate or Postbac (5) (Room Moderators: [Brittany Trottier, M.P.H.](#), [Superfund Research Program](#); [Mercedes Arana, Ph.D.](#), [Office of Fellows Career Development](#))**
- Identifying fellowship opportunities
 - Identifying mentors
 - Summer internships – what to look for and where to look
 - What can you do with a master's degree?
 - Preparing for graduate school interviews
 - How to assess the culture of a lab – what to ask a lab director

Predoctoral (12) (Room Moderators: [Toccaro Chamberlain](#), [Population Health Branch](#); [Courtney McClure, Ph.D.](#), [UCLA Hallem Lab](#); [Lindsey Treviño, Ph.D.](#), City of Hope)

- What are the different career paths available beyond postdocs?
 - Regulator and policy positions (FDA, EPA), industry, IRTA fellows, presidential management fellows

Postdoctoral (5) and ESI (1) (Room Moderator: [Frederick Tyson, Ph.D.](#))

- Preparing to submit applications for independent research funding (timing, process, etc.)
- How do you find labs to work in?
- How to use a K to transition to a new topic or field?
- Using conferences for networking (SOT, SACNAS, AACR, etc.)

12:30-1:00 p.m.

Break and Networking

1:00-1:30 p.m.

Large Group Brainstorm: Ideas for Monthly Networking Gatherings

1:30-2:50 p.m.

Interviewing Skills

Scott Morgan, [The Morgan Group](#)

2:50-3:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

David Balshaw, Ph.D., Director, Division of Extramural Research and Training, NIEHS

Appendix

[NIEHS-Funded Epidemiology Resources Faceted Search Tool](#)

[NIEHS Partnerships for Environmental Public Health \(PEPH\)](#)

[NIEHS Resources for Scientists Webpage](#)

[NIEHS-Supported Publications on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\)](#)

[NIH Center for Scientific Review Assisted Referral Tool \(ART\)](#)

[NIH Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal](#)

[NIH Data Sharing Policies](#)

[NIH RePORTER](#)

Matchmaker

Publications Search

Advance Projects Search