

Annual Impact at a Glance

The Future Doesn't Wait. Neither Will We.



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The questions before us are more complex than ever. The tools of today are more powerful than previous generations. Our opportunities are more urgent.

– Alicia Zhou, PhD, CEO

People × Biology × Data = A World Immune to Cancer

FY 2025-26 By The Numbers



\$34.4M

New funding in 2026



93

New Research Awards



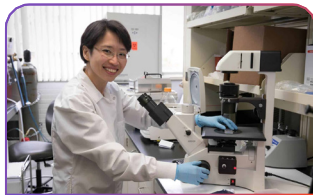
50 Institutions
17 U.S. States
5 Countries

Global Impact

A Year of Promises Made, Promises Kept

CRI made the largest grantmaking investment in its history, **directing \$34.4 million in new funding to 93 awards across 50 institutions, 17 U.S. states, and five countries.** The year's investments expanded support for high-risk, high-reward science, protected early-career investigators at a pivotal career stage, advanced clinical research, and began building the data infrastructure for AI-enabled discovery.

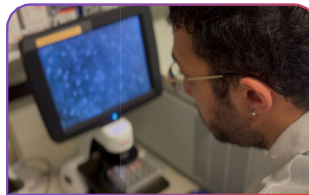
CRI's strategy is built as an ecosystem: exceptional people generate biological insight, and shared data makes those discoveries faster, more collaborative, and more predictive. That strategy comes to life through **four interconnected program areas — Research, Clinical, Data, and Patient Programs** — all advancing one mission: creating a world immune to cancer.



Research Programs



Clinical Programs



Data Programs



Patient Programs

From investment to impact:

Explore all of the CRI's FY 2024-25 Impact



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Programs + Human Stories

Backing Bold Scientists at Every Stage

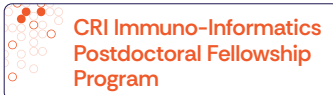


Research Programs

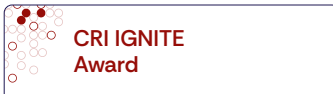
Career Development Awards



CRI Irvington
Postdoctoral
Fellowship Program



CRI Immuno-Informatics
Postdoctoral Fellowship
Program



CRI IGNITE
Award



CRI Lloyd J. Old
STAR Program

Translational Innovation & Clinical Impact Awards



CRI Clinic &
Laboratory
Integration Program



CRI Technology
Impact Award



CRI Clinical
Innovator

Data Programs



Cancer
Immunotherapy
Insights + Impact
(C13)



Immuno-
Oncology
Landscape
Dashboard



Discovery
Engine



Bioinformatics
Bootcamp

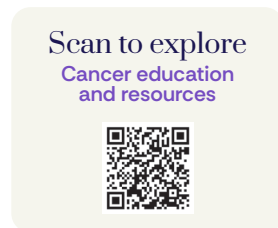
Patient Programs



Clinical Trial
Finder



Patient Guides to
Immunotherapy



Scan to explore
Cancer education
and resources



Real Patients, Real Cancer Journeys



Helping create a world immune to cancer.
2,500+ scientists. Countless bold ideas. One mission.



SCIENTIST SPOTLIGHT

Simone Park, PhD

Inaugural CRI IGNITE Awardee

University of Pennsylvania
Perelman School of Medicine

Mentor: E. John Wherry, PhD

Research Focus: Multiple myeloma,
immunological memory, bone marrow niche



Dr. Simone Park represents the kind of scientist IGNITE was created to support.

Her research focuses on **tissue-resident memory T cells (TRM)**, specialized immune cells that remain within tissues and may provide durable protection against cancer recurrence. By investigating the molecular programs that determine whether these cells become powerful anti-tumor defenders or enter an exhausted state, Dr. Park aims to uncover new strategies capable of generating long-lasting immune protection directly within tumors.

Guiding the Field

Beyond funding research, CRI serves as a trusted convener and communicator — connecting the people and ideas that accelerate progress.



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CRI CEO Alicia Zhou, PhD, appeared on Scripps News in spring 2026.

FY2026 Financial Overview

