

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



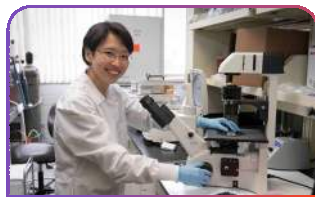
50 Institutions
17 U.S. States
5 Countries

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 2025-26 Impact



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Programs + Human Stories

Backing Bold Scientists at Every Stage

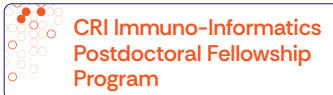


Research Programs

Career Development Awards



CRI Irvington
Postdoctoral
Fellowship Program



CRI Immuno-Informatics
Postdoctoral Fellowship
Program



CRI IGNITE
Award



CRI Lloyd J. Old
STAR Program

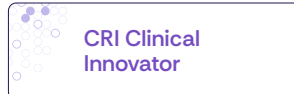
Translational Innovation & Clinical Impact Awards



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



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.

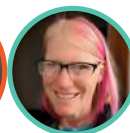


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CRI CEO Alicia Zhou, PhD, appeared on Scripps News in spring 2026.

Real Patients, Real Cancer Journeys



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



FY2026 Financial Overview

