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CPRIT Update and Company Funding Opportunities

Dr. WalkerPeach leads CPRIT Product Development Research which critically evaluates and invests in Texas-based companies with promising novel cancer-focused products and services (drugs, diagnostics, medical devices and other non-traditional oncology applications) that will benefit cancer patients and society.

Prior to joining CPRIT, she served as Program Director for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Innovation Corps (I-Corps) program in Alexandria, VA (Washington, DC area). NSF I-Corps prepared research scientists to extend their focus beyond the university laboratory and accelerated the economic and societal benefits of research projects with commercialization potential. She joined NSF from the University of Texas at Austin where she was a Director at the Austin Technology Incubator, having served as lead advisor for healthcare-focused life sciences startups. She was responsible for evaluating new business ventures, managing a portfolio of bioscience startups and providing business mentoring to technology-focused faculty and entrepreneurs.

Prior to government service, Dr. WalkerPeach had more than 20 years experience in the biotechnology sector as a member of several life science company management teams. Dr. WalkerPeach completed a BS in Chemistry and holds a PhD in Molecular Biology.