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Dr. Lim is the Program Director at Cancer Training Branch, Cancer Center Training since 2009. As a program director, she has managed NRSA Institutional Training Grants(T32), Career Development awards (K00, K08, K23, K24) and lead program director for T32 and K08. She is also the NCI cancer training branch liaison for the Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholars Resource and Support Center award (R24), the Chronic, Non-Communicable Diseases and Disorders Across the Lifespan: Fogarty International Research Training Award (D43), NIH Medical Scientist Training program, NCI Global. Currently, Dr. Lim manages 150+ active grants with $50 millions budget.

EDUCATION

Post -Doc National Institute of Environmental Health Science 1995-1999
Principal Investigator: Dr. W. C. Copeland

"Characterization of Human Mitochondrial DNA polymerase and its role in mitochondrial toxicity by anti-viral nucleotide treatment."
** License to polymerase gamma shared with Dr. Copland

Ph.D The Johns Hopkins University 1989-1995
Departments of Environmental Health Sciences & Biochemistry
Thesis Advisors: Dr. L. Grossman and Dr. J. D. Groopman
THESIS TITLE: "Characterization of the DNA Repair Properties of Major AflatoxinB1-DNA Adducts in Human Lymphoid Cells".

MS University of California, Riverside, Dept. Biochemistry 1985-1987
BS California State University, Los Angeles, Dept. Chem & Biochemistry 1981-1985

Dr. Lim's aspiration to research began when she received the undergraduate Minority Biomedical Research Support Award at California State University, Los Angeles. X-ray crystallography was her initial attraction to attend the University of California, Riverside, where she received her master's degree in Biochemistry. Her desires to understand the mechanism of human diseases lead her to the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. Under the late Dr. L. Grossman and Dr. J. Groopman, her thesis work focused on the understanding the DNA damage of aflatoxin: liver carcinogen and human repair system. Her postgraduate studies on the characterization of human mitochondrial DNA polymerase and antiviral nucleotides resulted in a license shared with her mentor Dr. W. Copeland at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

With three decades of bench research in different scientific disciplines, she now advising and working with Institution training program and the next generation of young scientists to achieve their career research awards and cancer research training.