

18th Annual CFAR Fall Scientific Retreat highlights and award winners

The 18th Annual CFAR Fall Scientific Retreat was held at the JB Duke Hotel on Thursday, September 22, 2022.



Each year, the Director's Award is given to a Duke CFAR member who has significantly contributed "value added" to the CFAR in the past year. This year's winner was **Justin Pollara, PhD**. Dr. Pollara is an Associate Professor in Surgery and is an Associate Director of the Developmental Core. Dr. Georgia Tomaras noted Dr. Pollara's research excellence and outstanding dedication that embodies the true spirit of the CFAR. Congratulations, Dr. Pollara!

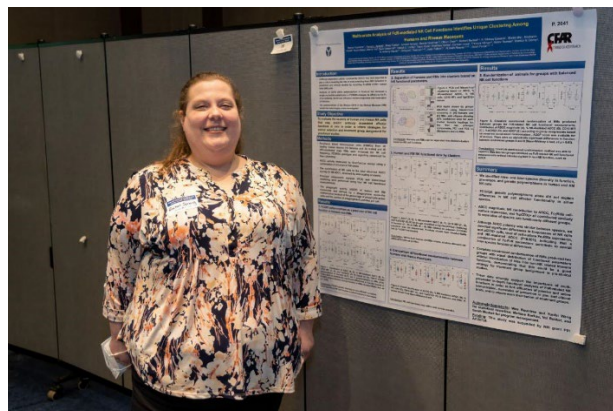
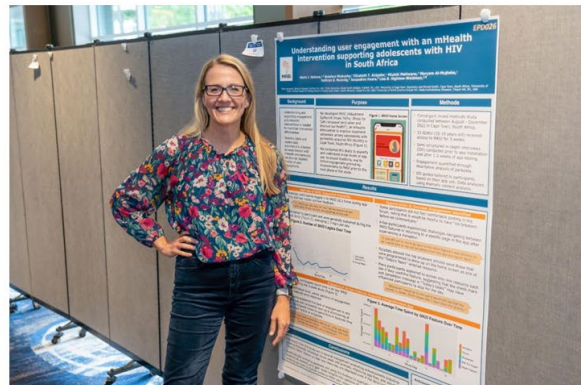
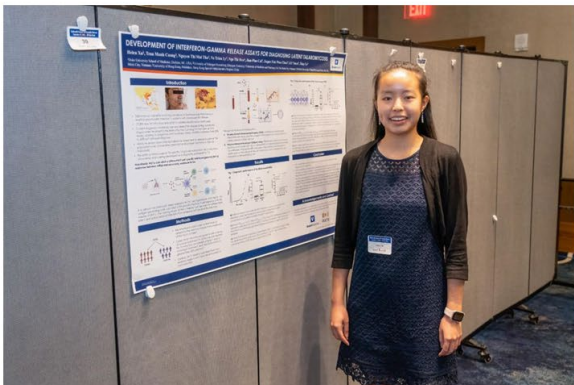


During the retreat, over forty researchers presented their work at the poster session, demonstrating the breadth of research within the Duke CFAR. Poster abstracts can be found in the [retreat book](#).



Awards were given to the top poster presenters in four categories. Congratulations to our award winners!

- Clinical: **Helen Xu** - *Development of Interferon-Gamma Release Assays for Diagnosing Latent Talaromycosis*
- Quantitative: **Tianbei Zhang** - *Medicine Nonadherence Perceptions of People Living with HIV*
- Social/Behavioral: **Marta Mulawa** - *Understanding user engagement with an mHealth intervention supporting adolescents with HIV in South Africa*
- Basic & Translational: **Marina Tuyishime**, presented by **Rachel Spreng** - *Multivariate Analysis of Fc Receptor (FcR)-Mediated NK Cell Functions Identifies Unique Clustering Among Humans and Rhesus Macaques*



Award winners (clockwise from top left) Helen Xu, Marta Mulawa, and Rachel Spreng. Not pictured: Tianbei Zhang and Marina Tuyishime. All retreat photos by John Hansen/RTP.Studio

Thank you to all who helped make the retreat a great success. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

