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Skills Development

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- We have formed a **PEN Trainee Group (PTG)** consisting of postdoctoral fellows and graduate students. The entire PTG meets monthly, with a rotating schedule that allows members to present their research. We expect that these trainee meetings to facilitate knowledge sharing among the trainees.
- To effectively lead the PTG and help trainees develop leadership skills in research, education and communication, we have implemented a **new Leadership Development Program in Nanomedicine (LDPN)**. Two postdoctoral fellows and two Ph.D. students were selected to form the LDPN: Dr. Kousik Kundu (Postdoc, Murthy Lab), Dr. Natalia Landazuri (Postdoc, Taylor Lab), Brian Wile (Ph.D. Student, Bao Lab), and Inthu Somasuntharam (Ph.D. Student, Davis Lab). In addition to organizing the PTG meetings, the LDPN will conduct trainee subgroup meetings based on common themes and technologies. These subgroup meetings will assist trainees in learning new techniques and troubleshooting problems.
- Finally, the LDPN will organize special lectures by PEN faculty investigators, both on how to become an independent Investigator, and how to write a successful NIH proposal.