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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Chairman Imbasciani and Members of the ICOC  
**FROM:** Rosa Canet-Avilés, VP Scientific Programs and Education,  
Kelly Shepard, Associate Director Scientific Programs and  
Education  
**SUBJECT:** Educational Network Strategy Overview  
**DATE:** DEC 14, 2023

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### Background

Key to the achievement of CIRM's mission is the creation of a diverse and skilled work force that can tackle the scientific challenges of today and deliver the innovative solutions of tomorrow. To date, CIRM has invested over \$430 million in specialized research training programs for high school, undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate level students, collectively referred to as the EDUC pillar programs. Currently, the EDUC pillar comprises 60 grants across 38 institutions including community colleges, state universities, and major research institutions. These programs provide coursework, patient engagement, community outreach activities, and full-time paid internships to over 500 trainees per year.

In addition to the EDUC pillar programs, CIRM is investing in new infrastructure initiatives that support or will support a subset of activities devoted to education and workforce development, many in collaboration with existing EDUC programs to enable leveraging of talent and resources. These new and upcoming INFR pillar programs include the Alpha Clinics expansion, Manufacturing Centers of Excellence, Shared Resource Laboratories, and Community Care Centers of Excellence.

### Informational Presentation

Over the past decade, CIRM staff have periodically presented to the Governing Board on the progress and outcomes of CIRM's longstanding EDUC pillar programs. For this most recent update, the CIRM team will share our overall strategy for ensuring optimal alignment and integration of the existing EDUC pillar programs with new and upcoming educational opportunities to be developed through the INFR pillar.