

President's Report



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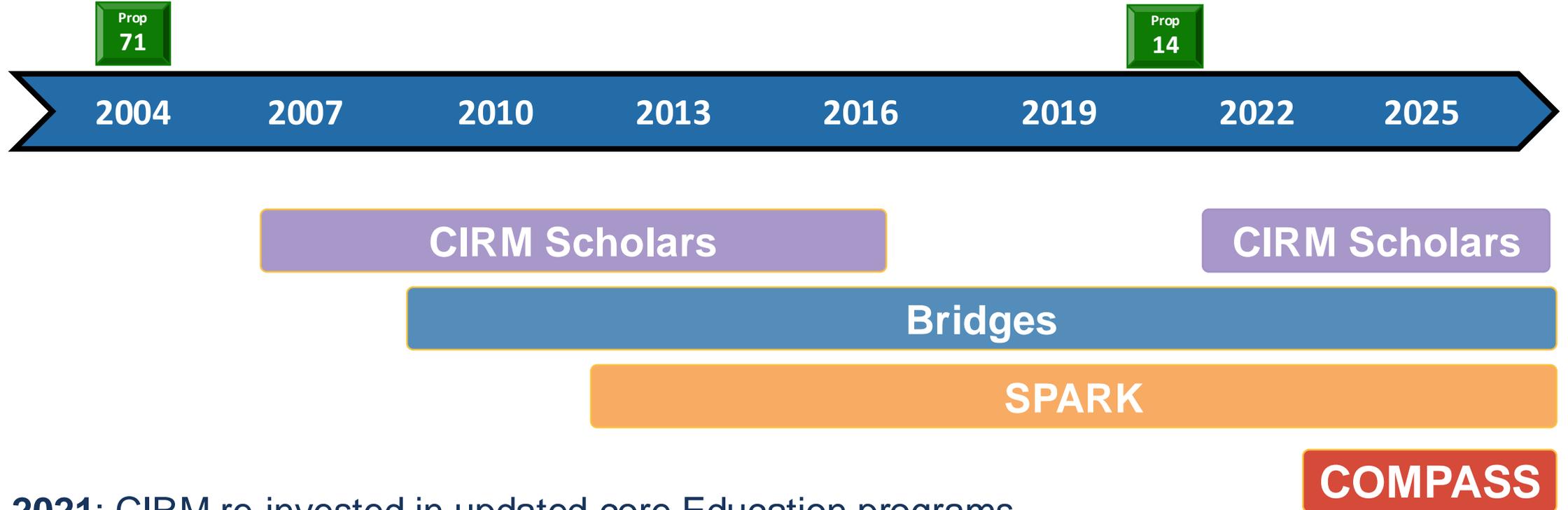


EDUC Program Highlight Summer Conferences, 2024



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CIRM EDUC Programs in the Proposition 14 Era



- **2021:** CIRM re-invested in updated core Education programs
- **Late 2022:** CIRM launched COMPASS, a new core Education program that complements and extends our investments in a diverse regenerative medicine workforce for California and the world

CIRM EDUC Programs: SPARK and COMPASS

SPARK



- SPARK launched 2012
- Currently 11 programs, 3rd RFA
- High School Students
- Preparatory Workshop/Outreach
- Summer Laboratory Internship
- **End of Summer Conference**

COMPASS



- COMPASS launched 2022
- 16 Programs across state, 1st RFA
- Undergraduates – soph/junior
- 2-3 years support, courses + internship(s)
- Innovative Recruitment and Selection
- **Culminating Conference**

CIRM EDUC Programs: Bridges and Scholars

Bridges



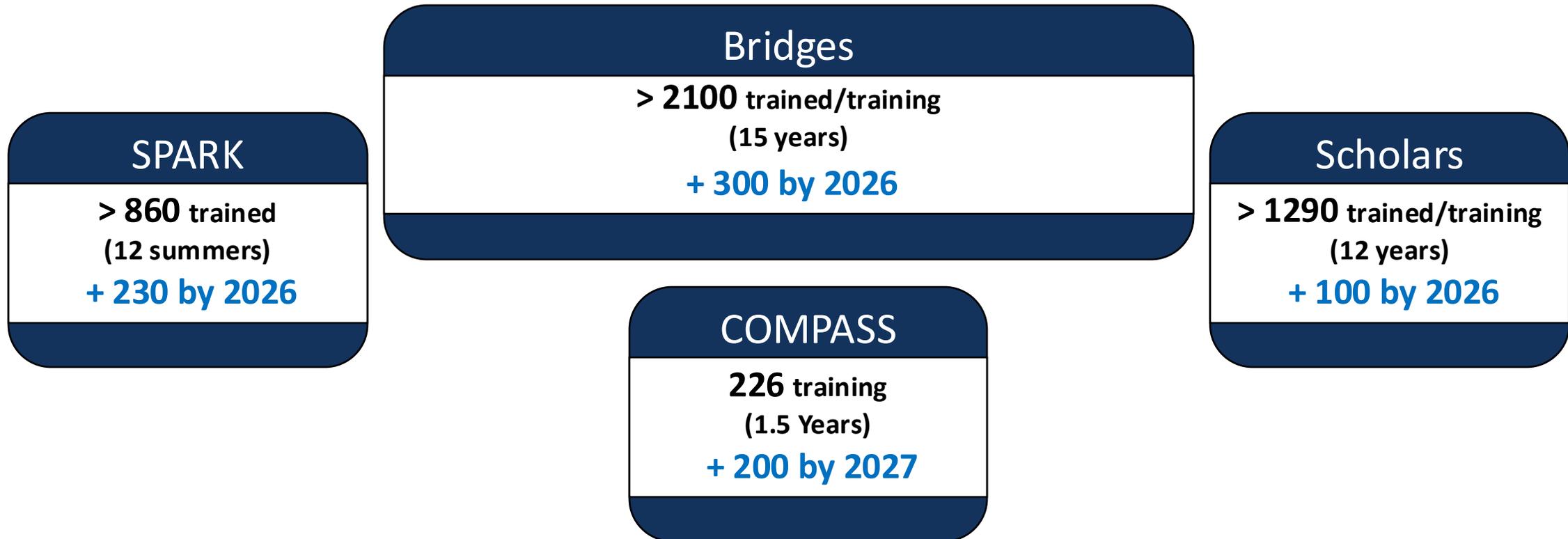
- Bridges launched 2009
- 15 Programs at CSUs/Comm Colleges; 3rd RFA
- Late undergrad, Masters, or special certificate
- Specialized courses, activities and outreach
- Up to 12 months internships at host sites
- **Culminating Conference**

“CIRM Scholars”



- Scholars ran 2007-2016; Relaunched 2021
- 18 programs across state, 3rd RFA
- Predoc, postdoc, clinical Fellows
- Special Courses/Outreach
- 2-3 Year Fellowships
- **Culminating Conference**

CIRM EDUC Programs: Trainees and Alumni



SPARK Annual Conference 2024 – Riverside, CA



- About 115 trainees in attendance
- Student lightning talks and posters
- Distinguished speakers, UCR Leadership
- Campus Tour

- Networking activities
- EDUC Trainee/CIRM panel
- UCR cross-program support
- Certificates and Awards

Trainee Networking Conference 2024 – USC



Conference Objectives

- Catalyze the formation of a CIRM Trainee Network
- Provide peer-to-peer networking and career-building opportunities
- Provide attendees with workshops/sessions of value, such as DEI, career panels
- Provide attendees an opportunity to share their research accomplishments more broadly

2024 Trainee Networking Conference Highlights

Main Events

- Scientific Keynotes
- Patient Advocates
- Career Panel
- Neuroscience
- Gene Therapy
- Trainee Talks
- Posters

Breakouts

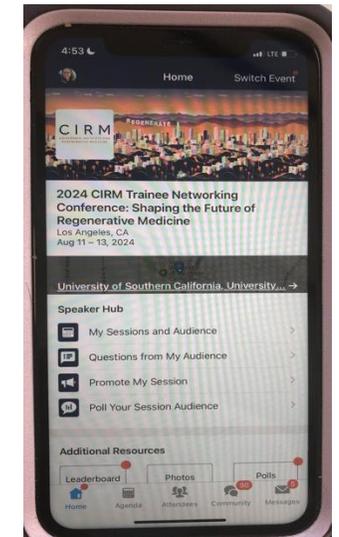
- Cell therapy
- Organoids
- Immunotherapy
- Genomics/Gene editing
- Chromatin
- Disease modeling
- Various Organ Systems
- Professional Development

Networking

- Meet CIRM Team
- COMPASS Networking
- Learning Strategies
- Ethics
- Time Management
- Resources for Trainees
- App Connections

Activities

- Be the Match
- Networking Dinner
- Program Directors
- Public Session



2024 Trainee Networking Conference Summary



- Inaugural “Pan Trainee Conference”
- Over 400 trainees, guests in attendance
- Trainee Input into Agenda and Workshops
- 85 Speakers, 44 moderators and panelists

- Academic and Industry Participation
- Formal and Informal Networking
- Certificates and Awards
- Earthquake!

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Thank you!

<https://stemcell.keck.usc.edu/cirm-trainee-conference/>

<https://stride.engr.ucr.edu/spark>

<https://www.cirm.ca.gov/our-impact/internship-programs/>

Cell and Gene Therapy Workshop Highlight



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