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## Princess Ekpo

Postbaccalaureate  
CCR Bethesda



### Education

B.S., Biology, with highest honors, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

### Scientific Interests

I am interested in cancer biology, the development of novel cancer therapeutics, cancer prevention and control, public health, and health disparities.

### I applied to iCURE because...

I chose iCURE because of this program's focus on diversity and inclusion in the biomedical sciences and the opportunity to gain research independence while still collaborating with other scholars. Through iCURE, I hope to gain a research community that I will be connected to for the rest of my life.

### My favorite traditions/holidays...

My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving.

### My hometown is...

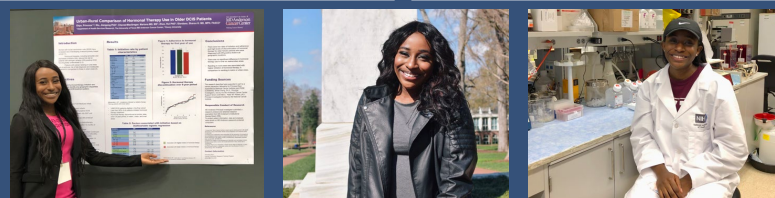
I was born and raised in Houston, Texas.

### In my spare time, I enjoy...

- I enjoy cooking Nigerian food.
- I enjoy West African dance and have been a choreographer and dancer.
- I also truly enjoy taking long walks.

### A few of my favorite things...

- My favorite food is Mediterranean food.
- My favorite thing to do at the gym is weightlifting.
- My favorite book is *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder.



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## Christine M. Heske, MD

Physician-Scientist Early Investigator  
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### Words to live by...

*Don't be afraid to go out on a limb—that's where the fruit is.*

### What is your favorite thing about working at NCI?

Being able to study questions in the lab and in the clinic that have the potential to meaningfully impact the lives of my patients, and working with the best people in the world

### In my spare time, I enjoy...

I love to travel and spend time at the beach with my husband and two daughters.

### My favorite traditions/holidays...

My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. We host it at our house and always have a different mix of family and friends each year join us...plus, I get to experiment with fun new recipes.