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Dr. James Perkins currently serves as Co-Principal Investigator of the RCMI Translational Research Network (RTRN), a national network of minority biomedical and clinical research centers, medical colleges and universities conducting multi-site, translational research to address health disparities in minority and underserved communities and as the Director of the RTRN Data Technology Coordinating Center, a highly-advanced, state-of-the-art facility responsible for centralizing data resulting from the network's collaborative research initiatives. Dr. Perkins' multifaceted career consists of more than 30 years of progressive experience in academics, scientific research, business development and corporate management. His expertise covers an array of areas including fundraising and academic and corporate research administration.

During his tenure at Jackson State University (JSU), Dr. Perkins has held several positions including Professor of Chemistry, Department Head of the Chemistry Department, Division Chair of Natural Sciences and Founding Dean of the JSU School of Science and Technology. He is currently the Associate Dean of Research and Corporate Relations for the College of Science, Engineering and Technology at JSU.

Dr. Perkins's research expertise is in the area of Molecular Spectroscopy. His interest in the area of Raman Spectroscopy of Small Strained Ring Systems has been the subject for several of his published articles. He is also interested in applying technology to improve student learning. Dr. Perkins received his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh, and a bachelor's degree from Slippery Rock State College in Pennsylvania.

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