## AAI Congratulates Recipients of the 2017 Careers in Immunology Fellowships

AAI congratulates 26 members who were awarded AAI Careers in Immunology Fellowships in 2017. The program, launched in 2014, is the largest AAI career awards program, providing independent research scientists with fellowships that support one year of salary for a trainee (predoctoral or postdoctoral) in their labs.

To find out more about this program, visit www.aai.org/careers/fellowships/CIFP.

The 26 investigators and their trainees chosen to receive the 2017 Careers in Immunology Fellowships are the following:

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<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Virginia Tech</td>
<td>Identification of novel mechanisms regulated by NLR family members that maintain immune system homeostasis in the gut</td>
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<td>Baylor College of Medicine</td>
<td>Impact of individual members of the microbiota on host immunity against intestinal pathogens</td>
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<td>University of Virginia</td>
<td>Role of distinct plasma cell subsets in murine lupus</td>
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<td>Abdeliah S. Gounni, Ph.D. (AAI '07)</td>
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<td>University of Manitoba, Faculty of Medicine</td>
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<td>Alexander Dent, Ph.D. (AAI '98)</td>
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<td>Indiana University School of Medicine</td>
<td>Control of Bcl6 Expression in T cells by metabolic sensors</td>
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<td>Jessica A. Hamerman, Ph.D. (AAI '05)</td>
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<td>Benaroya Research Institute</td>
<td>Investigation of the role of IL-6 in TLR-driven macrophage activation syndrome</td>
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<td>Hamid Boulares, Ph.D. (AAI '06)</td>
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<td>Louisiana State University Health Science Center</td>
<td>Unprecedented DNA repair-independent function for DNA-dependent protein kinase (DNA-PK) in asthma</td>
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Pamela A. Hankey-Giblin, Ph.D. (AAI ‘10)
Professor
Adwitia Dey (AAI ‘14)
Graduate Student
Pennsylvania State University
Project: Elucidation of the underlying role of Ron receptor tyrosine kinase in CNS inflammation

Jiu Jiang, Ph.D. (AAI ‘13)
Associate Professor
Diana Norden, Ph.D. (AAI ‘17)
Postdoctoral Fellow
Drexel University
Project: SCI-induced deficits in memory CD8 T cell response to virus infection

Yasmina Laouar, Ph.D. (AAI ‘09)
Associate Professor
Youngsoon Jang, Ph.D. (AAI ‘17)
Postdoctoral Fellow
University of Michigan
Project: Establishment of the role of NCR1 in uncoupling NK cell functions: interferon response versus cytotoxicity

Yuan Liu, M.D., Ph.D. (AAI ‘06)
Professor
Zhen Bian, Ph.D. (AAI ‘12)
Postdoctoral Fellow
Georgia State University
Project: Mechanisms that dynamically regulate neutrophil (PMN) response and myeloid compartment reprogramming during chronic inflammation

Ulrike M. Lorenz, Ph.D. (AAI ‘04)
Associate Professor
Mahmut Parlak, Ph.D. (AAI ‘17)
Postdoctoral Fellow
University of Virginia
Project: Inducible and reversible in vivo protein degradation—attempting a new approach for modulating immune responses

Xin M. Luo, Ph.D. (AAI ‘11)
Assistant Professor
Qinghui Mu (AAI ‘13)
Graduate Student
College of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia Tech
Project: Maternal microbiota educates neonatal IgA response

Gerald P. Morris, M.D., Ph.D. (AAI ‘08)
Assistant Professor
Amritha Balakrishnan (AAI ‘17)
Graduate Student
University of California San Diego
Project: Definition of the relationship between thymic selection and antigenic reactivity of dual TCR T cells

Dane Parker, Ph.D. (AAI ‘11)
Assistant Professor
Silvia Pires, Ph.D. (AAI ‘16)
Postdoctoral Fellow
Columbia University
Project: Effect of type III interferons on innate immunity to Staphylococcus aureus

Santiago Partida-Sanchez, Ph.D. (AAI ‘01)
Associate Professor
Ruiz Rosado Juan de Dios, Ph.D. (AAI ‘16)
Postdoctoral Fellow
Nationwide Children’s Hospital
Project: The role of inflammatory and regulatory monocytes in E. coli-induced acute pyelonephritis

Gabriel Rabinovich, Ph.D. (AAI ‘03)
Principal Investigator
Santiago Mendez Huergo, Ph.D. (AAI ‘17)
Postdoctoral Fellow
Instituto de Biología y Medicina Experimental (IBYME/CONICET)
Project: Differential glycosylation controls T cell fate: underlying mechanisms and implications for the design of a novel therapeutic strategy in autoimmune diseases

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The AAI Careers in Immunology Fellowship Program was launched in 2014 to assist talented principal investigators with limited funding by providing trainee salary support. Through the end of 2016, AAI has dedicated $4.6 million in funding for the program, in support of 131 fellowships.

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