

AAI MINORITY SCIENTIST TRAVEL AWARDS



Deadline for 2006 Nominations: January 16, 2006

DESCRIPTION

The Minority Scientist Travel Awards provide travel support to eligible AAI members to attend the AAI annual meeting. These awards are supported in part by a FASEB grant from the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program, administered by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), NIH. Two types of awards -- **Faculty Mentor/Minority Trainee Travel Award** and **Minority Trainee-to-Junior-Faculty Travel Award** -- are available, with separate eligibility requirements as set forth below. Awardees receive support of up to \$1,350 in meeting-related travel expenses, the advance registration fee, and a certificate. Notifications of award are issued prior to the meeting. Awardees must attend the annual meeting and are required to be present at the award ceremony.

ELIGIBILITY*

Category I -- Faculty Mentor/Minority Trainee Travel Award: Provides funding for a faculty member/mentor and up to two underrepresented minority trainees (undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate) to attend the annual meeting. Applicants -- mentors and trainees -- must be AAI regular or trainee members in good standing, and citizens or permanent residents (holding valid green card) of the United States or its territories. Each mentor may nominate up to two minority trainees who are pursuing research careers in a life sciences discipline. The application package must include the attached Faculty Mentor/Minority Trainee Application form, signed by the mentor.

Category II -- Minority Trainee-to-Junior-Faculty Travel Award: Provides funding for underrepresented minority trainees or junior faculty members to attend the annual meeting. Each applicant must be: (1) an AAI regular or trainee member in good standing; (2) a citizen or permanent resident (holding valid green card) of the United States or its territories; (3) a member of an underrepresented ethnic minority group (see listing below in instructions section); and (4) either a trainee or junior faculty member. Senior faculty (i.e., associate professor and above) are **not** eligible. Trainee-member applicants must sign and include the attached AAI Trainee Award Certification Form.

Note: While submission of an abstract is not a condition of eligibility for this award, applicants who are submitting an abstract to the forthcoming AAI annual meeting are asked to include a copy of the abstract with their application. Applications accompanied by abstracts will be given priority in the event the number of qualified applicants exceeds the amount of available funding.

*** Federal travel regulations prohibit provision of funds to employees and trainees at federal facilities who receive federal support for their salary/wages. For more information, visit <http://www.gsa.gov> and type Federal Travel Regulations in the Search box.**

APPLICATION PACKAGE

A complete application package must be received by **Monday, January 16, 2006**. Send to: M. Michele Hogan, Ph.D., Executive Director, The American Association of Immunologists, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, infoaai@aai.faseb.org.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Category I -- Faculty Mentor/Minority Trainee Award

Faculty mentor should submit the following in one package:

1. A letter indicating mentor's name, title, affiliation, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and email address
2. Mentor's CV, including education and fellowships (institution, dates, degrees) and employment history
3. If applicant (mentor) or trainee(s) are submitting abstracts to the forthcoming AAI annual meeting, a copy of the abstract(s)
4. The attached **Faculty Mentor/Minority Trainee Application Form**, completed and signed by the mentor applicant, certifying up to two eligible minority trainees as award co-applicants

For complete AAI Awards information, visit: www.aai.org.

Category II -- Trainee-Junior Faculty Award

Applicant should submit the following in one package:

1. A letter indicating applicant's (a) name, title, affiliation, mailing address, phone number, fax number, email address; (b) ethnic group: African American; Hispanic; Native American (specify tribal affiliation); Alaskan Native; or Pacific Islander (Hawaii/Guam); (c) AAI membership status; and (d) U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status
2. CV including education and fellowships (institution, dates, degrees) and employment history
3. If submitting an abstract to the forthcoming AAI annual meeting, a copy of the abstract
4. Trainees must include a signed **AAI Trainee Award Certification Form** (*attached*)

AAI Faculty Mentor/Minority Trainee Application Form



This form must accompany the application package submitted by the mentor in connection with the **AAI Minority Scientist Award -- Category I: Faculty Mentor/Minority Trainee Award**. This Faculty Mentor/Minority Trainee Application allows a faculty member to nominate up to two trainees that the faculty member has been mentoring. If selected, applicants -- mentor and trainee(s) -- will receive travel awards to attend the annual meeting as Minority Scientist Awardees. **The 2006 AAI Minority Scientist Travel Awards are funded by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health [FASEB MARC Program: T36-GM08059-23].**

Please print legibly or type

Faculty Mentor -- Name and Title: _____

Immigration Status: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident (*attach copy of green card*)

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____

Please identify the minority trainee(s) you are nominating as co-applicant(s) for this award, indicating the relevant ethnic minority group [African American, Hispanic American, Native American (specify tribal affiliation), Alaskan Native, or Pacific Islander (Hawaii/Guam)] as to each. Sign and date this form and include it with your application package.

(1) Nominated Trainee

Name: _____

Immigration Status: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident (*attach copy of green card*)

Department: _____

Trainee's Ethnic Minority Group: _____

This trainee is a(n): Undergraduate student Graduate student Postdoctoral Fellow

(2) Nominated Trainee

Name: _____

Immigration Status: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident (*attach copy of green card*)

Department: _____

Trainee's Ethnic Minority Group: _____

This trainee is a(n): Undergraduate student Graduate student Postdoctoral Fellow

I hereby certify that I and the co-applicants are AAI members in good standing and are U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents.

Faculty Mentor Signature _____ Date _____

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AAI Trainee Certification Form



**This form must accompany award applications from trainees.
Please print legibly or type.**

Applicant's Name: _____
Please Print Legibly or Type

Mailing Address: _____

Trainee Status (check one): _____ Predoctoral -- Year Degree Expected: _____
_____ Postdoctoral -- Year Degree Received: _____

Advisor's/Department Chair's Certification of Applicant's Trainee Status:

I hereby certify that _____
Name of Trainee

is a registered student/postdoctoral and is engaged in an immunology research program.

Name of Advisor/Department Chair

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____