

AAI Minority Scientist Travel Awards

Deadline for 2009 Applications: Monday, January 12, 2009

DESCRIPTION

This program provides eligible mentors, trainees and/or junior faculty members registration and travel support for attendance at the AAI Annual Meeting. Two types of awards are available, with separate eligibility requirements: **Category I, Faculty Mentor and Minority Trainee**, and **Category II, Minority Trainee or Junior Faculty**. *These awards are funded by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health [FASEB MARC Program: T36-GM08059-26].* If funded MARC applicants receive other AAI travel support for this meeting, the amount of MARC funding will be reduced commensurately.

ELIGIBILITY*

Qualified minority groups underrepresented in the biomedical sciences include: African Americans, Alaskan Natives, Hispanic Americans, Latinos, Native Americans (specify tribal affiliation), and Natives of the U.S. Pacific Islands (Hawaii and Guam).

Category I — Faculty Mentor - Minority Trainee Travel Award: Provides funding for a mentor and up to two of his or her underrepresented minority trainees (undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate) to attend the AAI Annual Meeting. It is not required that mentors belong to an underrepresented minority group. Mentors and trainees must be AAI Regular or Trainee members in good standing, and citizens or permanent residents (with 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 immunology or a related discipline.

Category II — Minority Trainee or Junior Faculty Travel Award: Provides funding for underrepresented minority trainees or underrepresented minority junior faculty members to attend the Annual Meeting. Applicants must be AAI Regular or Trainee members in good standing, and citizens or permanent residents (with valid green card) of the United States or its territories. Senior faculty (i.e., associate professor and above) are not eligible.

Although submission of an abstract is not required to apply for this award, applicants submitting an abstract to the meeting will be given priority in the event the number of qualified applicants exceeds the amount of available funding. First-time applicants will also be given priority.

** Federal employees or fellows/trainees at federal facilities are ineligible to apply. Trainees supported by NIH Trainee grants (T32, F32, etc.) are also ineligible. For more information, visit <http://www.gsa.gov>.*

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Category I — Faculty Mentor and Minority Trainee Award

Faculty mentor should submit the following in one package:

1. **Category I Award Application Form:** completed and signed by the mentor applicant, certifying up to two trainees as award co-applicants
2. Mentor's and trainees' CVs, including education and fellowships (institution, dates, degrees) and employment history
3. Copy of abstract(s), if mentor and/or trainee(s) is/are submitting abstracts to the AAI Annual Meeting

Category II — Minority Trainee or Junior Faculty Award

Applicant should submit the following in one package:

1. **Category II Award Application Form:** completed and signed by the applicant
2. CV including education and fellowships (institution, dates, degrees) and employment history
3. Copy of abstract, if applicant is submitting an abstract to the AAI Annual Meeting
4. Signed **AAI Trainee Certification Form**, required for trainees only (*attached below*)

Complete application packages must be received by 5:00 PM E.S.T. on Monday, January 12, 2009. Packages must be submitted in hard copy by U.S. mail or expedited mail (neither e-mails nor faxes will be accepted). Incomplete packages will not be considered; AAI will not accept materials sent separately.

Please direct application to:

M. Michele Hogan, Ph.D., Executive Director, The American Association of Immunologists
9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814

To view a complete listing of AAI Awards and past recipients, visit: <http://www.aai.org/awards>.

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Category I — Faculty Mentor and Minority Trainee Travel Award

Applications must be received by Monday, January 12, 2009

This application allows a faculty mentor to nominate up to two minority trainees. Both faculty and trainees are eligible to receive travel awards to attend the 2009 AAI Annual Meeting. *Please print legibly or type.*

Faculty Mentor — Name and Title: _____

Are you requesting support for yourself? Yes No

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

Mentor's Ethnic Minority Group: African American Alaskan Native Hispanic American Latino
 Native American (specify tribal affiliation _____) Native of the U.S. Pacific Island (Hawaii and Guam) N/A

Gender: Male Female

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

(1) Nominated Trainee (*attach CV*)

Name: _____

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

Department: _____

Trainee's Ethnic Minority Group: African American Alaskan Native Hispanic American Latino
 Native American (tribal affiliation _____) Native of the U.S. Pacific Island (Hawaii and Guam) N/A

Gender: Male Female

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

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

(2) Nominated Trainee (*attach CV*)

Name: _____

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

Department: _____

Trainee's Ethnic Minority Group: African American Alaskan Native Hispanic American Latino
 Native American (tribal affiliation _____) Native of the U.S. Pacific Island (Hawaii and Guam) N/A

Gender: Male Female

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

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

I hereby certify that I and my co-applicants are AAI members in good standing and are U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents. I also certify that the trainee applicants are not supported by an NIH Trainee grant.

Faculty Mentor Signature _____ Date _____

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Category II — Minority Trainee or Junior Faculty Travel Award

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This award provides funding for qualified underrepresented minority trainees or underrepresented minority junior faculty to attend the 2009 AAI Annual Meeting.

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Name and Title: _____

Application Status: Trainee (*attach AAI Trainee Certification Form*) Junior Faculty Member

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

Ethnic Minority Group (select one): African American Alaskan Native Hispanic American

Latino Native American (specify tribal affiliation) _____

Native of the U.S. Pacific Island (Hawaii and Guam)

Gender: Male Female

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

I hereby certify that I am an AAI member in good standing and a U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident.
I also certify that I am not supported by an NIH Training grant.

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: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Trainee Status (check one): Predoctoral — Year Degree Expected: _____

Postdoctoral — Year Degree Received: _____

Advisor/Department Chair Certification of Applicant's Trainee Status: I hereby certify that

Name of Trainee

is a registered student or postdoctoral fellow engaged in a research training program.

Name of Advisor/Department Chair

Signature: _____ Date: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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