TRAVEL AWARDS IUIS/AAI

The IUIS Education (EDU) and Gender Equality and Career Development (GEC) Committees and the American Association of Immunologists (AAI) are pleased to announce their continued co-sponsorship of **8 travel awards** (4/course) for trainees from the developing world to attend summer courses.

This year the schedule is as follows:

-The <u>AAI Introductory Course in Immunology</u> (July 7-12, 2020, at the UCLA Luskin Conference Center, Los Angeles, California).

-The <u>AAI Advanced Course in Immunology</u> (July 26-31, 2020, at the Westin Copley Place, in Boston, MA).

Preliminary information is shown on the AAI website (http://www.aai.org/Education/Courses). Complete information, including schedules and registration information, will be posted on the website in February 2020.

The Introductory Course is an intensive two-part course taught by world-renowned immunologists who provide a comprehensive overview of the basics of immunology. This course is for students or established scientists new to the discipline or those seeking more information to complement general biology or science training.

The Advanced Course is directed towards advanced trainees and established scientists who wish to expand their knowledge of the field. Leading experts will present recent advances in the biology of the immune system and its role in health and disease. <u>This is not an introductory course. All participants need to have a firm understanding of the principles of Immunology and experience conducting research</u>.

AAI will provide registration and housing (for up to 7 nights) for the 8 attendees. The IUIS Education (or GEC) committee will provide support for

travel and other associated expenses to a maximum of $2,000 US. *Any additional cost will be the responsibility of the attendee*.

The IUIS Education Committee will evaluate applications, perform initial selection of awardees, submit proposed candidates to AAI for approval, and review with the GEC committee. Chosen candidates will be informed, and AAI will then register the selected candidates and reserve their hotel accommodation. Both AAI and IUIS will send the selected candidates a letter of invitation for VISA purposes.

Please note: per AAI policy, these courses should represent the first experience in the USA of the attendees. Preference will also be given to applicants who have NOT previously studied or had a substantial research experience in other highly developed countries (e.g. Great Britain, Germany, France, Australia, etc.).

To apply for these travel awards, please send 1) your curriculum vitae (3 pages maximum), 2) a letter describing your research and why you would benefit from this course, 3) The AAI is most interested in providing this experience to trainees who have never been to the USA (for either personal or professional reasons). If you have previously been to the USA, please specify the number of visits and the reason for these visits. 4) You should also request an email letter of reference from your supervisor or mentor. APPLICATIONS MISSING ONE OR MORE OF THESE FOUR ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED. Send all this information by email to <gail-bishop@uiowa.edu>. Dr Bishop, a member of the IUIS Education Committee, will be responsible for the review process with this committee.

All applications for the INTRODUCTORY course should be received **prior to Noon, US Central time**, on **January 17, 2020**, and for the ADVANCED course **prior to Noon, US Central time on January 31, 2020**. Applications received or incomplete after this time will not be considered.

PLEASE NOTE: *Only the candidates selected for awards will be notified, by February 21, 2020 (Introductory) or March 6, 2020 (Advanced).* **If you are not notified by these dates, we are unfortunately not able to offer you an award in 2020. Due to the substantial number of applications and limited staff, we are not able to provide feedback about individual applications.**