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Dear AAI Member:

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We are pleased to announce that AAI is now accepting applications for the thirteenth year of the **AAI Public Policy Fellows Program (PPFP)**.

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The PPFP is a year-long program that provides early career researchers with the opportunity to learn about, and participate in, public policy and legislative activities that impact the conduct of biomedical research. Except for the two travel experiences described below, Fellows remain at their institutions throughout the year.

The PPFP helps participants better understand the role of the President, Congress, and federal science agencies [particularly the National Institutes of Health (NIH)], in drafting, passing, and/or implementing the laws and policies that govern biomedical research. The program also teaches participants how best to advocate for the federal funding and policies that affect their careers and the careers of scientists across the country. In return, the PPFP greatly benefits AAI and the immunology community by developing a cadre of well-informed members who actively advocate for the field and who are poised to help lead the association's public policy efforts in the future. Six former Public Policy Fellows have gone on to join the AAI Committee on Public Affairs (CPA), and many others have continued their advocacy both independently and through AAI.

Those who are selected as 2023-2024 Public Policy Fellows will begin their fellowship year at the AAI annual meeting, [IMMUNOLOGY 2023™](#), which will take place from May 11 – 15, 2023. The program culminates in a trip to Washington, D.C. (at the expense of AAI), for a Capitol Hill Day, during which Fellows visit their Members of Congress and those of their colleagues, to advocate for increased NIH funding and discuss the importance of immunology. Throughout the year, Fellows are kept apprised of the latest happenings on Capitol Hill, as well as major policy issues, through monthly virtual meetings and email communication. AAI also solicits their views on key topics, particularly those most relevant to early career researchers.

All Fellows are selected by the AAI CPA. Applicants must:

- have received their Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent within the previous

- 15 years in immunology or a related field; be a member in good standing of AAI (must be a member at the time the application is submitted and throughout the Fellowship year);
- be committed to a career in biomedical research;
- have excellent interpersonal and communication skills;
- have an interest in public policy as it relates to biomedical research;
- live and work in the United States; and
- submit the required documentation, including references from two eligible AAI members, no later than the application deadline of **January 18, 2023**.

We are very pleased to report that, based on anonymous post-program evaluations, 100% of the 110 AAI members who have completed the PFP say that they would recommend it to other eligible scientists. (Click [here](#) for a list of the current nine Fellows and the previous 110 Fellows.)

To apply, or for more information, please click [here](#), or contact AAI Senior Manager of Science Policy and Legislative Affairs Jake Schumacher at jschumacher@aai.org or (301) 634-7744.


We encourage you to share this information with your colleagues and look forward to welcoming another group of excellent citizen-scientists next spring!

Thank you in advance for your interest and support.

Sincerely,



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AAI President



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