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Dear AAI Member:

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

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

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The PPFP helps AAI members, at an early stage of their careers, better understand the role of the President, Congress, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in drafting and implementing the laws and policies that govern biomedical research. The program also teaches participants how best to advocate for funding decisions and scientific policies that affect their careers and the careers of working scientists across the country. In return, the PPFP greatly benefits AAI by creating a cadre of well-informed members who actively advocate for themselves and their colleagues, and who are poised to help lead the organization's public policy efforts in the future.

Executive Director

M. Michele Hogan, Ph.D.

Those who are selected as 2019-2020 Fellows will kick-off their fellowship year at [IMMUNOLOGY 2019™](#), the AAI annual meeting that will take place in San Diego, California, from May 9 – 13, 2019. The program will culminate in a trip to Washington (at AAI's expense) for a "Capitol Hill Day," during which Fellows will visit their congressional representatives, and those of their colleagues, to advocate for increased NIH funding and discuss the importance of immunology. (A [video](#) from the first PPFP Capitol Hill Day is available here.) Throughout their fellowship year, Fellows will be kept informed of the latest happenings on Capitol Hill, as well as major policy issues, through monthly conference calls and email communication. AAI will also solicit their views on key topics, particularly those related to early-career researchers.

All Fellows are selected by the AAI Committee on Public Affairs. Applicants must:

- have received their Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent within the previous 10 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 22, 2019**.

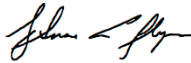
Seventy AAI members have completed the PFP thus far, and 100% say they would participate again and would recommend the program to a friend. (Click [here](#) for a list of the current ten Fellows and the previous 70 Fellows.) We are looking forward to welcoming another group of excellent scientists next spring!

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

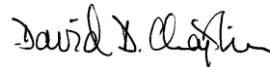
We welcome applications for this important program from all eligible candidates, and encourage senior AAI members to share this information with interested colleagues.

Thank you in advance for your interest and support.

Sincerely,



JoAnne L. Flynn, Ph.D.
AAI President



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