Important Dates for Two AAI Awards Programs

AAI Programs to Benefit Your Lab’s Current or Future Research

AAI Careers in Immunology Fellowship

**KEY DATES**

**APPLICATIONS OPEN** JANUARY 15

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE** MARCH 16

These fellowships provide AAI member PIs with one year of salary support for a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow in their labs. Member PIs in good standing with less than $250,000 (excluding PI’s salary) in annual direct costs are eligible to apply.

Selection is based on the potential of the trainee, merit of the project, quality of the training environment, and financial need.

Direct inquiries to fellowships@aai.org.

AAI Travel for Techniques Award Program

**AWARDS CYCLE**

**APPLICATIONS OPEN**

WINTER DECEMBER 15

SPRING APRIL 15

FALL AUGUST 15

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE**

FEBRUARY 15

JUNE 15

OCTOBER 15

The Travel for Techniques Award is given to member PIs, reimbursing up to $1,500 in expenses for travel to learn a new technique. Member PIs in good standing with less than $250,000 (excluding PI’s salary) in annual direct costs are eligible to apply.

Direct inquiries to tft@aai.org.

These two exciting awards programs were launched by the American Association of Immunologists in 2014, adding significantly to its already robust support for scientists through fellowships, career awards, and travel grants. For more information, visit www.aai.org/awards.
The Journal of Immunology Influence Statement

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The largest and oldest journal in the field offers unparalleled reporting of major advances in immunology research. Fully peer-reviewed by working scientists, reports are rapidly published and broadly cited.

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• Committed to rigorously performed research that moves the field forward
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1. 2015 Journal Citation Reports
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2018 Introductory Course in Immunology
July 10–15, 2018
UCLA Luskin Conference Center, Los Angeles, California

Director: Juan Carlos Zúñiga-Pflücker, Ph.D.
University of Toronto and Sunnybrook Research Institute

This comprehensive two-part course, taught by leading experts, provides an in-depth overview of the basics of immunology. This course is for students new to the discipline or those seeking more information to complement general biology or science training. Part I (July 10–12) is a detailed introduction to the basic principles of immunology and is suitable for students with a general biology background. Part II (July 13–15) is a clinically oriented lecture series focusing on specialty areas. Parts I and II may be taken independently at the discretion of the student.

2018 Advanced Course in Immunology
July 22–27, 2018
Seaport World Trade Center, Boston, Massachusetts

Director: Ulrich H. von Andrian, M.D., Ph.D.
Harvard Medical School and Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard

Established in 1966, this intensive course is directed toward advanced trainees and scientists who wish to expand or update their understanding of the field. World-renowned immunologists will present recent advances in the biology of the immune system and address its role in health and disease. This is not an introductory course; attendees will need to have a firm understanding of the basic principles of immunology and laboratory techniques.

For more information, visit
www.aai.org/Education/Courses

Please direct inquiries to
(301) 634-7178 or meetings@aai.org
Are YOU Our Next AAI Public Policy Fellow?

DEADLINE: JANUARY 23, 2018

The AAI Public Policy Fellows Program (PPFP) provides early stage investigators and postdoctoral fellows with the opportunity to learn about and participate in the public policy and legislative activities of AAI. Become an advocate for biomedical research, for NIH, and for science...there has never been a more important time for you to speak up and speak out!

The PPFP will help you better understand the role of the President and Administration, Congress, and the National Institutes of Health in determining the policies that affect biomedical research. And it will teach you how best to advocate for, and help shape, the policies that guide your career. Through the PPFP, you can do all of this without leaving your job, and you will “graduate” ready to take on whatever lies ahead!

Join AAI to apply for this program, which culminates in a trip to Washington, D.C., to visit your Congressional representatives and make your best case for biomedical research and increased funding for NIH!

For more information or to apply, contact: Manager of Science Policy and Legislative Affairs Jake Schumacher

Email: jschumacher@aai.org
Website: www.aai.org/PPFP

“"The AAI Public Policy Fellows Program (PPFP) gave me my first experience interacting with and educating policymakers in Congress about the importance of immunology and how federal funding impacts basic research. Now I use that experience to stay engaged in shaping the future of science through public advocacy."" - Judy Cannon, Ph.D., Associate Professor Molecular Genetics and Microbiology and Pathology University of New Mexico School of Medicine
Looking for creative ways to bring the excitement of discovery to your classroom? Participate in the 2018–19 American Association of Immunologists (AAI) High School Teachers Summer Research Program. You’ll enjoy hands-on experience in cutting-edge research, using the latest tools and techniques. And you’ll take home a number of new lab exercises for use in your classes.

This national program supports high school science teachers’ participation in a 4–6 week summer research experience in the laboratories of AAI members. If you are selected,

- AAI will locate an AAI member in your area to serve as your mentor for the summer.
- You will receive a stipend for working in the laboratory of your AAI mentor.
- An educational consultant will assist you with the development of an innovative curriculum to be shared nationally.
- You will be supported to attend a national professional meeting to present your experiences, and
- Prior to starting in the lab, you will be supported in attending the 3-day AAI Introductory Course in Immunology, Part I, held in July in Los Angeles, California. There, you’ll learn the basic principles of the discipline. (www.aai.org/Education/Courses/Introductory).

Apply today for this exciting professional development opportunity! Applications are due March 15, 2018.

Complete details and application forms can be found at: www.aai.org/Education/Summer-Teachers
Contact Courtney R. Pinard, Ph.D., with any questions: cpinard@aai.org or 301.634.7826.

AAI is a professional association dedicated to advancing the discipline of immunology and representing the interests of scientists engaged in research in the field. AAI sponsors the High School Teachers Summer Research Program in Immunology in an effort to cultivate the next generation of talented investigators and enhance public understanding of the critical nature of basic research to human health.

Curricula from past program participants are available to other teachers through an archive maintained on the AAI web site. Find ideas for incorporating the excitement of immunology into your classroom!

Recent topics include:
- A Bioinformatics Approach to Systemic Lupus Erythematosus and Autoimmunity
- Exploring the Link between Regulatory T Cells and Tumor Growth: A Lesson in the Immune System and Cancer
- How Can Students Combine Computational Biology Tools with a Laboratory Model to Analyze Changes in the Human Gut Microbiome?
- Vaccines and Herd Immunity

Take advantage of this free educational resource! To view the complete teaching material archive, visit www.aai.org/Education/AAI-Summer-Research-Program-for-TeachersArchive.aspx.

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