Call for 2017 Award Applications

Deadline: January 11, 2017

Applications are invited for the following AAI Travel Awards and Grants, which annually foster the promise and professional development of investigators of all career stages.

**Lefrançois-BioLegend Memorial Award**
Established to honor the memory of AAI member Dr. Leo Lefrançois, this award is intended to advance the career of a trainee who attends the AAI annual meeting and presents an outstanding abstract specifically in the area of mucosal immunology. The award recipient will receive a $1,000 cash award and a certificate during an awards presentation program at the AAI annual meeting. This award is generously supported through a grant from BioLegend and donations from friends and colleagues of Dr. Lefrançois.

**Chambers-eBioscience Memorial Award**
Established to honor the memory of AAI member Dr. Cynthia Chambers, this award is intended to advance the career of an early career scientist who attends the AAI annual meeting and presents an outstanding abstract specifically in the area of cancer biology. The award recipient will receive a $1,000 cash award and a certificate during an awards presentation program at the AAI annual meeting. This award is generously supported through a grant from eBioscience, an Affymetrix Company.

**Lustgarten-eBioscience Memorial Award**
Established to honor the memory of AAI member Dr. Joseph Lustgarten, this award is intended to advance the career of a mid-career scientist who attends the AAI annual meeting and presents an outstanding abstract specifically in the area of immune regulation. The award recipient will receive up to $1,250 travel reimbursement and a certificate during an awards presentation program at the AAI annual meeting. This award is generously supported through a grant from eBioscience, an Affymetrix Company.

**AAI Trainee Poster Awards**
These awards provide up to $300 travel reimbursement to AAI trainee members (students and postdoctoral fellows) whose first-author abstracts submitted to the AAI annual meeting are selected for poster sessions only and found to be exceptional by the AAI Abstract Programming Chairs. Selection is based on the originality and significance of the research being presented.

**Pfizer-Showell Travel Award**
This award recognizes the professional promise of an early career investigator (assistant professor or equivalent) by assisting the award recipient with travel to the AAI annual meeting. Selection is based on career progress and submission of an outstanding abstract selected for oral presentation in a block symposium at the meeting. The award recipient will be recognized and presented with a certificate at an awards presentation program at the AAI annual meeting. Support of up to $1,500 will be provided for meeting registration and travel. This award is supported through an endowment from Henry J. Showell and Pfizer, Inc.

**AAI-Thermo Fisher Trainee Achievement Awards**
These awards recognize up to six promising trainees in the field of immunology. Selection is based on career promise and presentation of an outstanding first-author abstract selected for oral presentation in a block symposium. Awardees will receive a $1,000 cash prize and reimbursement for meeting expenses.

**AAI Early Career Faculty Travel Grants**
These grants assist young investigators (assistant professor or equivalent) in attending the AAI annual meeting. Recipients will be reimbursed up to $1,250 for registration and travel expenses.

**AAI Laboratory Travel Grants**
These grants assist mid-career and senior investigators in attending the AAI annual meeting. Applicants must hold an appointment of associate professor, full professor, or equivalent; have limited research funding; and be a first or last author on one or more abstracts submitted to the annual meeting. Each grant will provide two travel awards of up to $1,250 each: one to the PI or laboratory director and another to a member of his or her lab, chosen by the PI or laboratory director. Recipients will be reimbursed for registration and travel expenses.

For complete AAI Travel Award and Grant application details, visit www.AAI.org/Awards.

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Questions? Contact AAI at 301-634-7178 or awards@aai.org
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Join AAI and submit an abstract by January 11, 2017, to be eligible.

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Summer Opportunity for High School Science Teachers

AAI HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM IN IMMUNOLOGY

Looking for creative ways to bring the excitement of discovery to your classroom? Participate in the 2017–18 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.
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- 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/Intro/index.html).

Apply today for this exciting professional development opportunity! Applications are due March 15, 2017.

Complete details and application forms can be found at:
www.aai.org/Education/SummerTeachers/index.html

Contact Mary T. Litzinger, Ph.D., with any questions: mlitzinger@aai.org or 301.634.7820.

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!

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