

# Early Career Investigator Travel Award

**Application Deadline:  
December 7th, 2016**

**23rd SNIP CONFERENCE  
March 29th - April 1st, 2017  
Philadelphia, PA**



To promote interest in the field of Neuroimmune Pharmacology and to recognize the work being done by Early Career Investigators in this area, SNIP is pleased to sponsor Early Career Investigator Travel Awards (ECITA) for trainees attending the upcoming 23rd Conference of the Society on NeuroImmune Pharmacology. Awardees will receive a monetary award towards their travel expenses and a waiver for the meeting registration fee. In addition, the top-ranked applicants will be invited to present their research at the Early Career Investigator Symposium.

## **Guidelines for Submission of Travel Award Application:**

### ***To be eligible for a travel award, the applicant must be:***

- The presenting author on an abstract accepted for the SNIP annual meeting, and must attend the Early Career Investigator Poster Session.
- Working with a member of SNIP, who serves as a mentor or collaborator on the project.

### ***And be one of the following:***

- A full-time student in a graduate program (M.S., M.P.H., Ph.D., or M.D. degree)
- A full-time participant in a medical residency or medical fellowship program
- A full-time post-doctoral fellow within five years of receiving the doctoral degree (Ph.D.) or within two years of completing residency training (M.D.)

### ***In addition:***

- To receive either a full or partial travel award, both the awardee and mentor must be current SNIP members (with up-to-date dues payments) prior to the annual meeting.
- Full travel awards will not be granted to the same trainee at the same position (pre-doc/postdoc) more than two times in a 5-year period. Trainees may be awarded a registration waiver and/or recognition of scientific excellence.
- Preference will be given to those investigators studying HIV and drug abuse.

**To Apply for a Travel Award:** Submit your abstract online on or before **12/07/2016** (<http://s-nip.org/conferences/>). Follow the directions to indicate your training status and that you are applying for an Early Career Investigator Travel Award. You will be asked to provide a **NIH style Biosketch**, so please have this information ready to submit online in PDF format prior to starting the abstract submission process. For any questions, please contact Dr. Marisela Agudelo at [magudelo@fiu.edu](mailto:magudelo@fiu.edu).

**Award Funding:** Applications will be reviewed and scored based on scientific merit, clarity of writing, and the Early Career Investigator's Biosketch as a predictor of future career potential. Persons selected for travel awards will be notified in advance of the meeting, as soon as the selection process is complete. The applicants are advised to wait until awards have been announced before officially registering for the meeting. For any questions, please contact Dr. Marisela Agudelo at [magudelo@fiu.edu](mailto:magudelo@fiu.edu). Depending on the type of award, awardees will receive \$750 towards travel expenses plus a registration waiver, or only a registration waiver.

**Meet-the-Mentors Event:** All Early Career Investigators are required to attend the Meet-the-Mentors event which will be held during the conference. This year's event will feature an opportunity to interact with SNIP Investigators and NIH representatives while sharing a delicious meal.

**Early Career Investigator Symposium:** The top pre-doctoral and post-doctoral abstracts will be selected for oral presentations. This SNIP Conference is planned to offer more oral presentation opportunities in a "speed talk" format of 5 minute presentations, held as part of the Early Career Investigator Symposium.