

Early Career Investigator Travel Award Winners 2013

In order to promote interest in the field of Neuroimmune Pharmacology and to recognize the excellent work being done by Early Career investigators in this field, the Society provides Early Career Investigator Travel Awards (ECITA) to graduate students and post-doctorate trainees (within 5 years of Ph.D.) working with a SNIP Member and seeking funds to attend the annual conference of the Society on Neuroimmune Pharmacology. For the 2013 SNIP Scientific Conference, a total of 66 abstracts were submitted. Of which 22 graduate students and 13 post-doctorate fellows were awarded. Of these 35 awardees, 9 awards were conferred to students and post-doctorate fellows working in alcohol-related research and these awards were sponsored by NIAAA. The ECITA awards were made in 3 categories: \$750+registration waiver, \$500+registration waiver, and \$500. In addition, 6 students who were among the top candidates were awarded with "Certificate for Excellence". However, they were not given travel awards because they were the 3rd candidates from the same mentor. Finally, the top 3 from each graduate student post-doctorate fellow categories were selected for symposium presentation.

ECITA Awardees	Mentor	University
Pre-Doctoral		
Amma, AB	Dash, CV	Meharry Medical College
Bertrand, SJ	Booze, RM	University of South Carolina
Cao, L	Kumar, A	University of Missouri- Kansas City
Chen, Q	Zheng, JC	University of Nebraska Medical Center
Cisneros, I	Ghorpade, A	University of North Texas Health Science Center
Coley, JS	Berman, JW	Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Festa, L	Meucci, O	Drexel University College of Medicine
Gangwani, MR	Kumar, A	University of Missouri- Kansas City
Liu, X	Kumar, A	University of Missouri- Kansas City
Loucil, R	Noel, Jr, RJ	Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Mamik, MK	Ghorpade, A	University of North Texas Health Science Center
Meng, J	Roy, S	Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Moran, LM	Mactutus, CF	University of South Carolina
Sen, S	Amini, S	Temple University School of Medicine
Shah, A	Kumar, A	University of Missouri- Kansas City
Sindberg, GM	Roy, S	University of Minnesota
Strazza, M	Nonnemacher, M	Drexel University College of Medicine
Vartak, N	Ghorpade, A	University of North Texas Health Science Center
Wang, Y	Zheng, JC	University of Nebraska Medical Center
Williams, DW	Berman, JW	Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Yang, L	Buch, S	University of Nebraska Medical Center
Zhou, Y	Ho, WZ	Temple University School of Medicine
Post-Doctorale		
Ashutosh, F	Ghorpade, A	UNT Health Science Center

Castro, V	Toborek, M	University of Miami
Kiebala, M	Maggirwar, SB	University of Rochester
Lan, X	Singhal, PC	Feinstein Institute for Medical Research
Ma, J	Roy, S	University of Minnesota
Mantri, SK	Dash, CV	Meharry Medical College
Pilakka-Kanthikeel, S	Nair, M	Florida International University
Wang, YZ	Ho, WZ	Temple University School of Medicine
Zhao, L	Zheng, JC	University of Nebraska Medical Center

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Awardees**

Mentor

University

Pre-Doctoral

Ade, A	Kumar, S	University of Missouri- Kansas City
Ferguson, LB	Harris, RA	University of Texas, Austin
Franklin, T	Sarkar, DK	Rutgers University
Gofman, L	Potula, R	Temple University School of Medicine
Parikh, N	Wigdahl, B	Drexel University College of Medicine
Teng, S	Molina, P	Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

Post-Doctoral

Agudelo, M	Nair, M	Florida International University
Bethel-Brown, C	Buch, S	University of Nebraska Medical Center
Vetreno, RP	Crew, FT	University of North Carolina, Chaper Hill

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