



20th SNIP CONFERENCE
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Early Career Investigator Travel Award

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 20th Conference of the Society on Neuroimmune Pharmacology. Awardees will receive a monetary award toward covering their travel expenses and a waiver of 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:

- No more than two awards will be awarded per PI's laboratory.
- Full travel awards will not be granted to the same trainee two years in a row, and no more than two times in a 5-year period. Trainees may be awarded a registration waiver and/or recognition of scientific excellence.
- 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.

To Apply for a Travel Award:

Submit your abstract online on or before 12/16/2013 (<http://s-nip.org/conferences/>) and follow the directions to indicate your training status, and that you are applying for a Early Career Investigator Travel Award. You will be asked to provide a **short biosketch (NIH style including a short statement)**, so please have this information ready to submit online in PDF format prior to starting the abstract submission process.

Award Funding: Applications will be reviewed and scored based on scientific merit, clarity of writing, and the Early Career Investigator's curriculum vitae as a predictor of future career potential. Travel awards will be provided in the form of reimbursements (receipts required) after recipients attend the meeting and present their poster. Persons selected for travel awards will be notified in advance of the meeting, as soon as the selection process is complete. Since the travel award includes a registration waiver for the 2014 Conference, applicants should wait until awards have been announced before officially registering for the meeting. If you do not hear from SNIP prior to the registration deadline, please check with Dr. Santosh Kumar at kumarsa@umkc.edu

Meet-the-Mentors Event: All Early Career Investigators are encouraged 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 10 minute oral presentations at the Early Career Investigator Symposium, which will be held as part of the annual SNIP Conference.