Dear SNIP Members,

We now solicit abstracts from early career investigators (ECITA) for the 25th Scientific Conference of the Society on Neuroimmune Pharmacology. The deadline for abstract submission is midnight (US EST), Friday, December 14th, 2018. Abstract submissions will only be accepted through the online submission system and the length is limited to 300 words (excluding title, authors, and affiliations). Please refer to the abstract submission pages for additional details. [https://s-nip.org/conferences/submission](https://s-nip.org/conferences/submission)

SNIP will each offer a limited number of travel awards for students and postdoctoral fellows to attend and present their abstracts in special sessions. Travel grants will cover the cost of lodging and will help to defray the cost of airfare. Per diem expenses are not included. Trainees will be reimbursed after submission of expenses following the meeting. To be eligible for a travel grant, students and postdoctoral fellows must meet the following requirements:

**Membership:** Eligible students, postdoctoral fellows, residents/clinical fellows must be standing members SNIP. Alternatively, trainees who become members of SNIP at the time of meeting registration and abstract submission will also be considered eligible. Trainees will be asked to indicate their interest in being considered for a travel grant at the time of abstract submission. Travel grant requests must be made at the time of abstract submission and therefore must be received by the abstract submission deadline.

**Presentation:** Eligible students, post-doctoral fellows, residents/clinical fellows must be presenting authors on accepted abstracts for an oral presentation. Importantly, abstracts must be submitted for consideration no later than the abstract deadline.

**Recommendation:** A recommendation letter from the trainee’s advisor or department chair, confirming their status as a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow, must accompany all requests for a travel grant. Please address the letter to the attention of the "ECITA Selection Committee" and forward it to the ECITA Chair, Gurudutt Pendyala, Ph.D. ([gpendyala@unmc.edu](mailto:gpendyala@unmc.edu)) with a copy to Melissa Campbell ([cmcampbell@unmc.edu](mailto:cmcampbell@unmc.edu)). Electronic signatures and scanned copies will be accepted. Trainees who have not confirmed their status by providing a letter from their advisor or department chair will not be eligible to receive a travel grant.

**Biosketch:** All requests for a travel grant must be accompanied by a current NIH biosketch.

We look forward to your participation in this exciting forum.

Sincerely,
Gurudutt N. Pendyala, PhD
Early Career Investigator Committee Chair