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FASEB RECEIVES GRANT IN SUPPORT OF UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS, SCIENTISTS

Bethesda, MD –The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) has been awarded a five-year, \$7.82 million “Diversity Resources for Enrichment, Access and Mentoring” (DREAM) grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences/National Institutes of Health (NIGMS/NIH).

The goal of the DREAM grant is to increase the number and competitiveness of underrepresented minority scientists in the biomedical and behavioral disciplines by providing minority institutions, faculty, post-doctorates, and students with resources, programs, and opportunities to gain access to and participate in cutting-edge biomedical and behavioral research. This grant will support the continuation of the FASEB Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program activities, which have been ongoing since 1982.

The FASEB MARC program supports a variety of student, post-doctorate, and faculty development programs, resources, and training opportunities for underrepresented minorities and minority-serving institutions. Over the next five years, the FASEB MARC Program activities will include:

- Training seminars on grantsmanship and writing for biomedical publications for research investigators and faculty at minority institutions
- Travel awards to FASEB Societies’ scientific meetings, SACNAS, ABRCMS, LANS, Compact for Faculty Diversity Conference, FASEB Summer Research Conferences and meetings managed by FASEB Managed Society Services
- Funding support for FASEB Societies’ Diversity Programs Initiatives

“We are extremely pleased that the NIGMS/NIH recognizes the value of the work FASEB has been doing to support diversity in the life sciences,” said Jacquelyn Roberts, Director for the FASEB MARC Program. “Helping to increase the number and competitiveness of underrepresented students, post-doctorates and minority scientists participating in biomedical and behavioral research is a perpetual goal, and we will continue to work towards it.”

To learn more about the FASEB MARC Program, please visit www.FASEB.org/MARC.

FASEB is composed of 23 societies with more than 100,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of scientists and engineers to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. Our mission is to advance health and welfare by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to our member societies and collaborative advocacy.