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## FASEB Opens Registration for NIGMS Workshop to Prepare Postdocs for Independent Careers

Bethesda, MD - On behalf of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) is organizing the **2012 Workshop for Postdocs Transitioning to Independent Positions** on March 12-13, 2012 at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. **Dr. Francis Collins**, Director of the National Institutes of Health, will deliver the keynote address.

While the transition to independence is a challenge for all postdocs, young investigators who are members of groups that are underrepresented in the biomedical or behavioral sciences may have an especially difficult time finding and establishing themselves in their first independent positions. To prepare early career investigators of diverse backgrounds for this transformation, the Workshop will bring together 150 postdocs (including a small number of senior graduate students) and a distinguished group of outstanding researchers, prominent scientific administrators and nationally recognized career development experts to discuss key issues related to the cultivation of a successful career in science.

Topics to be covered will include:

- Career planning
- Job application process
- Funding resources
- Grant writing
- Establishing a lab
- Work/life balance
- Non-bench careers

The Workshop is intended for postdocs, however senior graduate students (within one year of completion of Ph.D. study) will also be considered, space permitting.

To download the Workshop application, please go to <http://nigmsworkshop.org>. Participants will be required to pay a \$25 registration fee upon selection, however all eligible applicants (those not receiving federal funding and other criteria) who are selected to participate will receive travel awards (maximum \$1,250). **The deadline for registration is November 30, 2011.**

For more information regarding meeting logistics, contact Meeting Assistant Danielle King, [dking@faseb.org](mailto:dking@faseb.org).

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