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**MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR *IMMUNOLOGY 2011*TM
THE 98th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF IMMUNOLOGISTS**

Bethesda, MD – FASEB MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for *IMMUNOLOGY 2011*TM, the 98th Annual Meeting of The American Association of Immunologists (AAI) to be held in San Francisco, California from May 13-17, 2011. These awards are meant to promote the entry of underrepresented minority students, postdoctorates and scientists into the mainstream of the basic science community and to encourage the participation of young scientists.

Awards are given to AAI members who are junior faculty and students presenting abstracts at the meeting. This year MARC conferred 37 awards totaling \$61,050.

The FASEB MARC Program is funded by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health. A primary goal of the MARC Program is to increase the number and competitiveness of underrepresented minorities engaged in biomedical and behavioral research.

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 its member societies and collaborative advocacy.

IMMUNOLOGY 2011™ FASEB MARC TRAVEL AWARD RECIPIENTS

TRAINEES AND JUNIOR FACULTY

Temitayo Awoyomi, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
Chris L. Ayers, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Audrea M. Burns, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow, Baylor College of Medicine
Moraima Castro-Faix, Ph.D. Candidate, Rutgers University
Jessica A. Chacon, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Research Center
Erin L. Collins, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Florida
Wilbert A. Derbigny, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Indiana University School of Medicine
Dante B. Descalzi, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
Leandra Figueroa, Graduate Research Assistant, University of Maryland School of Medicine
Veronica Gonzales, Ph.D. Candidate, Univ. of New Mexico, Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute
Louis E. Gonzalez, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
Joanna Gonzalez-Lergier, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow, Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Mireia Guerau-de-Arellano, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Researcher, The Ohio State University
Samuel T. Haile, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland Baltimore County
Aleishia Harris, Ph.D. Candidate, Stanford University
Jeniffer B. Hernandez, Ph.D. Candidate, University of California, Irvine
Uzoma K. Iheagwara, M.D./Ph.D. Candidate, University of Pittsburgh
Candice A. Johnson, Ph.D. Candidate, Meharry Medical College
Deeqa Mahamed, Ph.D. Candidate, Cornell University
Glendie Marcelin, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Kevin B. O'Brien, Graduate Student, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Chetachi Okereke, M.D., Assistant Researcher, University of California, Los Angeles
Sterling B. Ortega, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Karel Otero-Gutierrez, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Washington Univ. School of Medicine
Pablo Penaloza-MacMaster, Ph.D. Candidate, Emory University
Shayla K. Shorter, Ph.D. Candidate, Emory University
Oscar Silva, M.D./Ph.D. Candidate, University of California, Los Angeles
Roberto Tinoco, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Associate, Sanford-Burnham Institute for Medical Research
Karina Vega, Ph.D. Candidate, City of Hope Beckman Research Institute
Tenisha D. Wilson, Graduate Student, University of Florida

POSTER/ORAL PRESENTER (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Virginia P. Kocieda, Temple University
Tiffany Newman, Temple University [AAI member]

FACULTY/MENTOR & STUDENTS/MENTEES (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Nadeem Fazal, M.D., Ph.D., Chicago State University [AAI member]
Rebecca Adorable, Chicago State University
Sherri Ojikutu, Chicago State University

Bolaji Thomas, Ph.D., Rochester Institute of Technology [AAI member]
Jennifer Nobrega, Rochester Institute of Technology