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**MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR THE
AAI 2009 ADVANCED COURSE IN IMMUNOLOGY**

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program has announced the travel award recipients for the AAI 2009 Advanced Course in Immunology in Minneapolis, Minnesota from July 26-31, 2009. 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 at the AAI 2009 Advanced Course in Immunology. This year MARC conferred 6 awards totaling \$12,000.

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.

The following course participants have been selected to receive FASEB MARC Travel Awards:

Chris Ayers, University of Texas Southwestern Medical [AAI member]
Brian Hannah, Fox Chase Cancer Center
Edward Antonio Medina, UT Health Science Center San Antonio [AAI member]
Kevin O'Brien, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Sterling Ortega, UT Southwestern Medical Center [AAI member]
LaTonya Williams, University of Alabama at Birmingham

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