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**MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR *IMMUNOLOGY 2010*<sup>TM</sup>  
THE 97<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF IMMUNOLOGISTS**

Bethesda, MD – FASEB’s MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for *IMMUNOLOGY 2010*<sup>TM</sup>, the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The American Association of Immunologists (AAI) to be held in Baltimore, Maryland from May 7-11, 2010. 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 faculty and students presenting abstracts at the meeting, as well as to faculty mentors paired with the students or postdoctoral trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 32 awards totaling \$59,200.

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 90,000 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.*

## **IMMUNOLOGY 2010™ FASEB MARC TRAVEL AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **FACULTY MENTORS AND TRAINEES**

Margaret Bynoe, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Cornell University  
Deeqa Mahamed, Graduate Student, Cornell University

Pamela Fink, Ph.D., Professor, University of Washington  
Deborah W. Hendricks, Graduate Student, University of Washington

Kristine M. Garza, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Texas at El Paso  
Raquel Suro, Graduate Student, University of Texas at El Paso

Barbara J. Vilen, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Shannon Z. Jones, Graduate Student, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Fernando Villalta, Ph.D., Professor, Meharry Medical College  
Tatiana Cardenas, Graduate Student, Meharry Medical College  
Candice Johnson, Graduate Student, Meharry Medical College

Xue-Zhong Yu, M.D., M.S., Associate Professor, University of South Florida  
Kenrick M. Semple, Graduate Student, University of South Florida

### **TRAINEES AND JUNIOR FACULTY**

Temitayo Awoyomi, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey  
Sandra Bonne-Année, Doctoral Candidate, Thomas Jefferson University  
Adriana D. Benavides, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
Lillian Cruz-Orengo, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Research Assoc., Washington University School of Medicine  
Louis E. Gonzalez, Graduate Student, University of Miami  
Qyana E. Griffith, Graduate Student, Boston University School of Medicine  
Abdel Hamad, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
Jeniffer B. Hernandez, Ph.D. Candidate, University of California, Irvine  
Ileana Mauldin, Graduate Student, University of Virginia School of Medicine  
Luciana Lorena Molinero, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Chicago  
Thandi M. Onami, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee  
Caroline J. Padro, Graduate Research Associate, Ohio State University  
Santiago Partida-Sanchez, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Research Inst. at Nationwide Children's Hospital  
Roberto Tinoco, Graduate Student, University of California, San Diego  
Abebayehu N. Yilma, Ph.D. Student, Alabama State University

### **POSTER/ORAL PRESENTER (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)**

Tiffany Newman, Temple University [AAI member]

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

Ram Pyare Singh, Ph.D., University of California at Los Angeles [AAI member]  
Dennis Sambolin, University of California at Los Angeles  
Paola Lepe, University of California at Los Angeles