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**MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR THE  
AAI 2010 INTRODUCTORY COURSE IN IMMUNOLOGY**

*Bethesda, MD* – FASEB MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for The American Association of Immunologists (AAI) Introductory Course in Immunology at The University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia from June 26 – July 1, 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 at the AAI 2010 Introductory Course in Immunology. This year MARC conferred 5 awards totaling \$10,000.

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:***

Danielle Aguirre, University of Rhode Island  
Dr. Oscar Castanon-Cervantes, Morehouse School of Medicine  
Amanda Gonzales, University of Texas, El Paso [AAI member]  
Dr. Chetachi Okereke, University of California, Los Angeles [AAI member]  
Kenrick Semple, University of South Florida [AAI member]

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