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FASEB RECEIVES GRANT IN SUPPORT OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS, POSTDOCTORATES AND SCIENTISTS

Bethesda, MD –The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) has been awarded a \$4.4 million grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences/National Institutes of Health (NIGMS/NIH) to support the continuation of the FASEB Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program activities, which have been ongoing since 1982. The five-year renewal grant will support a variety of student, postdoctorate and faculty development programs and training opportunities for underrepresented minorities.

The “Leadership, Excellence And Development of Diversity in Research” (LEADDR) grant aims to assist in increasing the number of well-trained underrepresented minority (URM) scientists in the biomedical and behavioral disciplines by providing URM students, postdoctorates and faculty with resources, programs and opportunities to help prepare them to become competitive and productive scientists, and to gain access to and participate in cutting-edge biomedical and behavioral research. Over the next five years, the FASEB MARC Program LEADDR grant activities will include:

- Sponsorship of grantsmanship training programs for URM scientists, junior faculty and postdoctorates.
- Support for travel/subsistence awards for URM undergraduate students at majority and minority institutions to support their participation in summer research experiences hosted by FASEB society member scientists at major research institutions and universities
- Development and sponsorship of student development activities and career seminars and programs of special interest for URM students, postdoctorates and faculty who participate in national meetings of FASEB member societies
- Sponsorship of Postdoctorate Professional Development and Enrichment Awards to help provide resources to support the development and enrichment of leadership skills and training of URM postdoctorates and new assistant professors planning to pursue productive careers in academic research/teaching

“We are extremely pleased that the [NIGMS/NIH](#) continues to support and recognize the value of the work FASEB has been doing to develop and enhance diversity in the life sciences,” said Jacquelyn Roberts, Program Director for the FASEB MARC Program. “This renewal grant demonstrates that both [NIGMS/NIH](#) and the [FASEB MARC Program](#) recognize that this work is central to our mission and is a perpetual goal, and we will continue to work towards achieving this goal.”

To learn more about the FASEB MARC Program, please visit the web site (<http://marc.faseb.org>.)

FASEB is composed of 21 societies with more than 80,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB’s mission is to enhance the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. FASEB serves the interests of these scientists in those areas related to public policy, facilitates coalition activities among Member Societies and disseminates information on biological research through scientific conferences and publications.