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**MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR THE
2009 ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIOINFORMATICS CONFERENCE**

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 International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB) 2009 Rocky Mountain Bioinformatics Conference in Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado from December 10-12, 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 Rocky 2009 Conference. This year MARC conferred 3 awards totaling \$5,550.

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 poster/platform presenters have been selected to receive FASEB MARC Travel Awards:

Shaila Ahmed, City University of New York
Sophia A. Banton, Florida Atlantic University
Emilee Colón, University of Puerto Rico

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