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**MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
BIOINFORMATICS CONFERENCE (ROCKY 08)**

*Bethesda, MD* – FASEB's MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for the International Society for Computational Biology Rocky 08 Conference in Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado, December 4-7, 2008. 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 Mountain Bioinformatics Conference (Rocky 08).

Awards are given to poster/platform presenters and faculty mentors paired with the students/trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 1 awards totaling \$1,850.

**POSTER/ORAL PRESENTERS (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)**

Shaneka Simmons, Jackson State University

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.

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