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MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2008 ASHG ANNUAL MEETING

Bethesda, MD – FASEB’s MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for the 2008 American Society for Human Genetics (ASHG) Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from November 12-15, 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 2008 ASHG Annual Meeting.

Awards are given to poster/platform presenters and faculty mentors paired with the students/trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 5 awards totaling $9,250.

POSTER/ORAL PRESENTERS (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Tea Okou, Emory University [ASHG member]
Jocelyn Reader, University of Maryland, Baltimore County [ASHG member]
Luisel Ricks-Santi, Howard University [ASHG member]
Dr. Digna R. Velez, University of Miami [ASHG member]

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

- Janina Jeff, Vanderbilt University [ASHG member]

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 21 societies with more than 80,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of biomedical and life scientists 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 its member societies and collaborative advocacy.