

American Society for Cell Biology Minorities Affairs Committee Visiting Professorship Awards Program

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The American Society for Cell Biology Minorities Affairs Committee (ASCB MAC) announces the ASCB MAC Visiting Professorship Awards Program. The purpose of the awards program, provided through a grant from the Minorities Access to Research Careers (MARC) program of the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of General Medical Sciences, is to support research at primarily teaching institutions that serve minority students and scientists.

This program will provide research support (stipend) for professors at minority-serving institutions to work in the laboratories of members of the ASCB for an eight- to ten-week period during the summer of 2010.

The goals of the program are as follows:

- • To give professors in primarily teaching institutions a research experience in cell biology or a related field.
- • To provide visiting professors experience with new research tools and techniques.
- • To allow professors to enhance their research programs at their home institution.
- • To establish long-term associations between visiting professors and research-intensive universities.
- • To enhance the professors' teaching based on the summer research experience.

Selection Criteria

To be eligible for this award, the prospective visiting professor and ASCB member host will be required to plan and submit together a research proposal that includes a follow-up plan for collaboration during the academic year.

Applications will be judged utilizing the following criteria:

- • The subject of the proposed research and the quality of planned interactions for the visiting professor
- • Plans for ongoing interaction between the visiting professor and sponsoring laboratory after the conclusion of the professorship
- • Benefits to teaching described
- • The qualifications of the researcher and professor
- • The potential impact on minorities and schools with high minority enrollment of the visiting professorship

Applications are to be submitted to the ASCB MAC office no later than March 31, 2010. Both parts of the application should be submitted by the due date for it to be considered complete. Applications will be evaluated by a committee of ASCB members. Awardees will be notified by mid May and a check covering half of the salary award will be delivered in late June.

Upon the submission of a progress report related to the summer research activities, the second half of the salary award will be sent in August.

Financial Disbursement

Each professorship provides research support (stipend) of \$13,500, plus \$700 for travel expenses. An additional \$4,000 will be provided to the home institution of the visiting professor for continuing research and research training activities during the academic year, including attendance to the ASCB Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA from December 11-15, 2010. Visiting Professors can also apply for MAC Travel Awards for the ASCB Annual Meeting.

Program Requirements and Awardee Responsibilities

A full-time commitment of no less than eight weeks in the laboratory of the host scientist during the summer of the award is required. Additionally, a signed agreement, requiring the awardee not to participate in other professional activities such as summer teaching, is also required and serves as grounds for return of the award if not observed.

Travel funds (\$700) are disbursed after the ASCB MAC receives original receipts and mileage reports based on travel between the home of the visiting professor and the host laboratory. Continuing research and training activity funds (\$4,000) are disbursed to the institution of the visiting scientist with the stipulation that the funds are not subject to administrative or indirect costs. These funds are only meant to be used for training and research activities that are necessary to sustain and further enhance the collaboration during the academic year.

Host and visiting professors must complete evaluations and the visiting professor must also submit a progress report related to the summer research activities. All awardees are required to attend a development workshop sponsored by the MAC, usually held in June, in addition to the ASCB Annual Meeting, where they are encouraged to submit an abstract representing the research conducted during the time of the award. Failure to comply with any of the requirements of the program can result in forfeiture of the award.

Visiting professors may qualify for a second year of support based on their timely submission of evaluations and reports, in addition to their observance of the guidelines of the program. The returning visiting professor is required to complete a second form that seeks information as to the institutional impact of the initial award, student involvement in the project, career development outcomes, publications and presentations, and future plans for the collaboration. In the event that the second-year support is for work with a different host scientist, a detailed justification is required.

Minority professors and professors in colleges and universities with a high minority enrollment are especially encouraged to apply for this award. The host scientist must be a member of the ASCB or have submitted a membership application before the end of summer 2010.

Deadline is March 31, 2010

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