



The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
Postdoctoral Professional Development and  
Enrichment Award 2009

(6 Individual Awards Available)

~ **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS** ~

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\*\*\*\*\* *Electronic Submissions Only* \*\*\*\*\*

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the 2009 FASEB Postdoctoral Professional Development and Enrichment Award. A total of six (6) individual awards are available to provide resources to support the development and enrichment of leadership skills and training of postdoctoral fellows or new (within one-year) assistant professors.

The FASEB Postdoctoral Professional Development and Enrichment Award (sponsored by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health) was established to recognize outstanding achievement by six early stage life scientists from underrepresented minority (URM) groups. Individuals eligible for nomination are:

U.S.A. Citizens or Permanent Residents of the U.S.A. from an ethnic minority group recognized as being underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral sciences,

members of a FASEB society and

are at a relatively early career stage, defined as a minimum of two-to-five years of postdoctoral research training, or a new (within one-year) assistant professor.

Applications are requested from highly promising postdoctoral scientists or new assistant professors who have demonstrated research productivity including having published first-author papers in scientific publications, mentored URM undergraduate and graduate students, and provided service leading to improving and expanding opportunities for minorities in the scientific workforce and academia. Previous awardees are not eligible.

These awards are primarily intended for eligible candidates who can utilize the resources to gain knowledge, skills and training to assist them in becoming competitive for funding and in enhancing their ability to publish in first tier journals. These are characteristics that will increase their competitiveness for faculty positions in prestigious research intensive institutions.

**Award Presentation:** The six awardees will be publicized and announced on the FASEB, FASEB MARC Program and the awardees societies websites. Each of the six awards will include a \$3,000 unrestricted career development award, a certificate in recognition of the award, plus an additional \$2,500 travel award to support his/her participation in a national scientific meeting.

Recipients of the award may use the career development and enrichment award to support short-term work or training in the laboratory of a sponsor (research-intensive university, industry, NIH, CDC, etc) for the purpose of learning new techniques, new knowledge in related disciplinary areas or other relevant advances. The intent would be a focused short-term experience with duration of one week or two to three shorter trips over a period of time (depending on what best supports the projects and investigators goals.) to the sponsors laboratory.

The objectives/benefits include:

helping the awardees gain knowledge and understanding on how to develop a productive collaborative relationship;

generation of new data or focus to be continued in home institution and/or future research projects and

acquisition of essential methodologies that is critical in order for the investigator to become competitive in obtaining NIH funding. (Examples include proteomics, bioinformatics, nanotechnology training and data collection that provide the preliminary results essential for a competitive grant application.)

Other valid uses of the career development and enrichment awards are to attend short-term professional development conferences such as ELAM (Executive Leadership and Mentoring) or AAMC sponsored meetings with the goal of developing more leaders among URM scientists.

**Application and Submission Procedures:**

Applicants must be members of a FASEB Society. Membership status will be subject to verification by the member society identified in the application.

Please use the following checklist and post all required information on the FASEB Diversity Award website at: <http://www.faseb.org/PostdocProfDevAward/>. Documents must be uploaded **individually in PDF** format. Submissions must include *all* of the following documents:

1. Completed cover application form (found on the Awards website) with all requested information.
2. One application letter, setting forth in detail the description and term of planned training and its importance with regard to the applicants research focus and preliminary data needed for grant application (this must explicitly indicate how the training is consistent with new interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary or translational approach consistent with NIH Roadmap.)
3. Applicants Curriculum vitae (CV)
4. Letter of support and CV of mentor in sponsoring institution
5. Letter from Chair of Department or Dean of the applicants institution, supporting their application and granting applicant release time for the activity described in the application packet.
6. Proposed budget (not to exceed \$3,000) for travel, living expenses, supplies and other appropriate costs related to the training, plus an additional \$2,500 travel award to attend a national scientific meeting.

For complete details, go to:

<http://www.faseb.org/PostdocProfDevAward/>  
~**Application DEADLINE: March 13, 2009**~

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