Funding Opportunity Description:

Two primary goals of the Program in Immunology are to organize the community of immunologists at Vanderbilt and Meharry Medical College and to provide increased opportunities for interaction among Program members. The mini-sabbatical fellowships are meant to achieve both of these goals by fostering collaborative training opportunities for students and postdoctoral fellows within laboratories of Program Faculty. These fellowships seek to provide funds that will allow Program trainees to expand their technical expertise and enhance their research projects through short training experiences in another laboratory. The hope is that these fellowships will expand the technical capabilities of the immunology community while facilitating collaborative research among Program faculty.

Two types of applications are welcomed:

1. Internal fellowships will permit Program trainees to work in the laboratory of another Program member.
2. External fellowships will permit Program trainees to work in a laboratory outside of Vanderbilt, and are meant to support the acquisition and subsequent dissemination within Vanderbilt of new expertise, scientific tools or approaches.

Funds Available:

This year’s program will include up to five (5) mini-sabbatical experiences. Each award will be for $4,000. Applications from Program members who have not received funding previously will be favored.

Budget:

No budget is required as the expectation is that all $4,000 of allocated funds will be used to support the proposed training experience.

Eligibility:

All participating faculty must be members of the Program in Immunology. For the internal fellowships this includes both the trainee’s mentor and the principal investigator of the host laboratory.

Application Materials:

1. One paragraph description of the proposed training opportunity and how it will enhance the trainee’s current research project (think big!). The introduction of new technological and experimental approaches to the research project as a consequence of the mini-sabbatical must be clearly stated. Please provide the name of the trainee (student or postdoctoral fellow) for whom training support is requested.
2. Short letter from each of the two participating faculty members confirming willingness to support the proposed training.

Submission Deadline:

November 30, 2014

Questions and Submissions:

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