

EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR IN IMAGING TRAVEL AWARD

This is an exceptional opportunity for early-career researchers to:

- Meet NIH Institute and Center directors and staff.
- Meet Capitol Hill representatives and staff.
- Present your research ideas on radiology or biomedical imaging.
- Learn how science and health-care policies are developed.
- Meet patient advocacy leaders who help drive research priorities.
- Meet other future leaders in radiology, imaging science, and AAPM.

The AAPM Science Council has established a travel award to support the attendance of one to two early-career, research-oriented AAPM members to participate in the 10th Annual Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research (CIBR) *Medical Imaging Technology Showcase*, which is sponsored by the Academy of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research (the Academy).

The Academy hosts the annual *Medical Imaging Technology Showcase*, an event in a senate or house office building on Capitol Hill, to educate members of Congress and their staff about the impact of imaging technology.

Funding will be provided for the awardee(s) to travel to Washington, DC (Sunday, April 28–Wednesday, May 1) to participate in the Academy/CIBR activities at NIH and to communicate the value of biomedical imaging to Capitol Hill representatives and staff.

Awardees become part of the Academy's Council of Early Career Investigators in Imaging (CECI²), who collaborates with the Academy to advocate for federal investments in imaging research. CECI² also serves as a networking and educational resource for its members.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 28: Informal dinner and Capitol Hill Day training session

Monday, April 29

- 9:00 am–3:00 pm: Meetings with NIH Institute and Center directors and staff
- 6:00–8:00 pm: Evening reception with academic chairs, industry partners, patient advocacy leaders, and other event attendees

Tuesday, April 30

- 7:30 am–12:00 pm: Sit in on the Academy's Research Roundtable discussion including leading academic researchers, industry, and government agencies
- 12:00–4:00 pm: Meet with congressional office staff and members of Congress
- 5:00–7:00 pm: Participate in the *Medical Imaging Technology Showcase* by displaying your area of imaging-related research. Your presentation may include an interactive hand-held technology, an iPad demonstration, or a simple and easy to understand educational poster (a template will be provided).

Simplicity in your presentation is vital, so that your research can be easily explained to and understood by a general non-scientific audience, including members of Congress, congressional staff, and the general public. Academy staff and CECI leadership will contact you and guide you through the requirements of your materials and the presentation process.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Post-doctoral fellow, diagnostic or nuclear medicine medical physics resident or fellow, or junior faculty member (i.e., no more than 10 years after post-graduate training and no prior substantial independent grant funding as PI).

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

February 11, 2019

All materials are due by application deadline. Documents should be combined and submitted as one PDF. For questions, please contact: [Shayna Knazik](#). Recipients notified by: March 1, 2019

- Research focus must be in radiology or biomedical imaging.
- Must be a member of AAPM at the time of application (any membership category) and maintain membership for the duration of the award period. Pending membership status is not acceptable.

REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIAL

- Cover letter outlining why you wish to attend this event, including information on how it fits into your professional goals.
- Abbreviated CV (no more than four pages).
- For residents and fellows, a brief letter of support from supervisor confirming your ability to travel to this event, if selected.
- A short description of your research interests in layman terms (1-page maximum, 1 inch margins, 11 point font). Your primary audience for this entire event is non-scientific, so please keep that in mind when explaining your area(s) of research. You will be expected to discuss these topics in your congressional meetings and with attendees at the *Medical Imaging Technology Showcase* on Capitol Hill.
- Awardees will meet with representatives from NIH Institutes and Centers. Please indicate which Institutes and Centers you would be interested in visiting. While every effort will be made to accommodate your request, we cannot guarantee that specific Institute's and Center's staff will be available during your visit.

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