Participate in the Medical Imaging Technology Showcase (MedTech 11) and become a member of the 2020 Academy Council of Early Career Investigators

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

- Meet NIH Institute and Center directors and staff
- Meet national radiology leadership, industry leaders, and department chairs
- 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 the AAPM

The Science Council has established a travel award administered by the Research Committee to support the attendance of 1 or 2 early-career, research-oriented AAPM members to participate in the Medical Imaging Technology Showcase (MedTech), sponsored by the Academy of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research (the Academy).

The Academy hosts the annual Medical Imaging Technology Showcase, an evening 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.

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

TESTIMONIALS

Last year was the first time that AAPM participated and it was huge success. There were 30 members of the Council of Early Career Investigators in Imaging, and two, Emily Marshall and Brian Taylor, were from AAPM. From Emily: “I spent three days surrounded by some of the country’s most motivated minds in radiology research... I now have a strong network of people I may reach out to.” From Brad: “I was also able to meet with program officers and officials to learn more on the NIH grant application process and funding opportunities. We also had the opportunity to spend a day at Capitol Hill with leaders in the imaging field.”

Details from last year’s event: http://www.acadrad.org/medtech/

EVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 3: Informal dinner and Capitol Hill Day training session

Monday May 4: Meetings with NIH Institute and Center directors and staff.

Evening reception with academic chairs, industry partners, patient advocacy leaders, and other event attendees

Tuesday May 5: Academy’s Research Roundtable discussion including government agencies. Meet with congressional office staff and members of Congress. Participate in the Medical Imaging Technology Showcase

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).
- 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

1. Cover letter outlining why you wish to attend this event, including information on how it fits into your professional goals.
2. Abbreviated CV (5 pages max).
3. For residents and fellows, a letter from supervisor confirming ability to attend, if selected.
4. Two letters of support, maximum of two pages each.
5. 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 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.
6. 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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