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 sponsors a travel award administered by the Research Committee to support the attendance of up to two early-career, research-oriented AAPM members to participate in the 12th Annual Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research (CIBR) Medical Imaging Technology Showcase, which is sponsored by the Academy of Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research (the Academy).

The Academy hosts the annual Medical Imaging Technology Showcase (MedTech) 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 for three days in the Spring of 2022 (exact dates TBD) to participate in meetings 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 (CECI), and actively participate in the Academy’s mission to advocate for federal investments in imaging research.

CECI also serves as a networking and educational resource for its members.

EVENT SCHEDULE SPRING 2022
(Exact dates TBD)

Sunday:
- Informal dinner and Capitol Hill Day training session

Monday:
- Meetings with NIH Institute and Center directors and staff.
- Evening reception with academic chairs, industry partners, patient advocacy leaders, and other event attendees

Tuesday:
- Audit the Academy’s Research Roundtable discussion including leading academic researchers, industry, and government agencies
- Meet with Congressional office staff and Members of Congress
- 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).
- 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 in layman terms (1-page maximum).

Some of the MedTech target audience is non-scientific, so please keep that in mind when explaining your area(s) of research focus. You will be discussing 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 and why.

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