

# Core Center for Musculoskeletal Biology & Medicine

## Junior Investigator Travel Award

The Core Center for Musculoskeletal Biology & Medicine (CCMBM) defines itself by emphasizing musculoskeletal-specific education and services that are critical to its members but not available elsewhere in the university system. The Center's goal is to stimulate and support transdisciplinary collaborations to accelerate translational research in the musculoskeletal field. Interdisciplinary networking also enhances research productivity and, at the same time, reinforces a sense of scientific community. Interactions within this framework create significant potential for new research collaborations that lead to clinically significant discoveries and promote the careers of trainees supported by the Center.

Congruent with these goals, the Core Center is pleased to announce the CCMBM Postdoctoral and Graduate Student Travel Award. This award is intended to support travel to develop expertise, network, or acquire skills in a field at a scientific conference the applicants may otherwise be unable to attend. The award is particularly designed to encourage travel to a conference where the trainee may not be presenting an abstract, but where interactions with other attendees and participation in conference activities can serve as a springboard for trainees to transition to the next stages in their scientific careers.

Travel awards may only be used to cover **economy airfare for up to \$400 per award**, for travel occurring **before June 15**. Funds will be issued upon proof of attendance to the relevant meeting.

All postdoctoral fellows and graduate students who are members of the CCMBM are eligible for this award. If you are not a member but are interested in joining, please visit the [membership page of the CCMBM website](#) and follow the appropriate instructions for Student Membership or Associate Membership (for postdoctoral fellows).

Awardees will be asked to provide a short summary of the experiences they had from attending the conference or workshop, and excerpts of the summary may be used to publicize future embodiments of this award.

**To apply**, please provide your Biosketch and attach a document in which you respond to the following prompts:

- In 300 words or less, describe the general research question you are currently addressing during this stage of your training.
- In 600 words or less, (1) describe your future career goals (2) identify which conference you would like to attend (3) provide a detailed explanation for why you selected this conference (4) summarize the strategy you intend to use to capitalize on your ability to attend the conference of interest and (5) describe how fulfilling your goals at the conference will help you advance your career.

Submit these materials at the following URL: [http://bit.ly/JI\\_travel](http://bit.ly/JI_travel)

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come basis, **with May 1 serving as the final application deadline**. Priority will be given to entries received on a first-come basis, and applications will be reviewed continuously. Apply soon to ensure your opportunity to receive one of the available awards.

Hoping to travel after June 15? Encourage your colleagues to apply this cycle. Successful implementation of this program will help ensure its continuation next fiscal year!