

ImmunoDiverse Allies Community and Research Enhancing Fellowship REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

Program Overview

The goal of the ImmunoDiverse Allies Community is to tackle the effects of structural racial and gender inequities that persist in our society and have affected our academic institutions. In order to stay true to ImmunoX's commitment to highlight and uplift our URM trainees, we have allocated funds for the **ImmunoDiverse Allies Community and Research Enhancing Fellowship** that provides needed funds for DEI activities or research funds to offset effort put into DEI activities or as a result of disparities of opportunity. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Research funds for technician time for personnel and reagents/equipment time within an ImmunoX-sponsored CoLab to assist in prosecuting experiments. This may entail:
 - A data scientist who helps with large datasets,
 - An imaging expert whose time is allocated to your project for microscope optimization or image acquisition, or
 - A genomic credit for getting your samples run in the genomics core
- Attendance at a national URM meeting or submeeting to help spread the word about our DEI goals
- Participation as a summer mentor with monthly follow-up the following school year with a high school student(s) or SRTP
- Initiation or enhancement of a diversity-enhancing program within our community
- Other outreach to historically URM colleges and institutions and initiate an outreach program to identify and recruit

Program Eligibility

Trainees who belong to an ImmunoX faculty member's lab and identifies as an underrepresented minority (URM). The award will be given to the student/fellow with additional oversight from your research mentor (to help keep your science moving) plus from a URM Allies faculty member (to help reach meaningful goals with the URM work while keeping your own progress in science moving).

Deadline for Applications

Applications are evaluated on a rolling basis until allocated funds for the year are distributed. Applicants should contact ImmunoX to confirm budgets and completed forms should be submitted to ImmunoDiverse@ucsf.edu.

Selection and Awards

The ImmunoDiverse Trainee Leadership Committee is responsible for reviewing and selecting applications for funding. The primary criteria for evaluation of applications include but are not limited to:

- Description of applicant's need for funding. Priority will be given to URM trainees nearing completion of their program as a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow.
- Description of how the Allies Community and Research Enhancing Fellowship will promote applicant's scientific goals, including a detailed plan for securing technician support and ensuring that this will benefit the trainee (e.g. scope of work to be completed, skill set of technician, plan for PI oversight).
- Description of applicant's plan to work with an ImmunoX-sponsored CoLab to assist in prosecuting experiments.
- Budget and budget justification in support of requested costs.
- Letter of Support from PI with his/her agreement to supervise the research technician during the applicant's leave period. Please include the name and title of person providing technical support or plan/timeline for new hire.

Questions?

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact our ImmunoDiverse Leadership, (ImmunoDiverse@ucsf.edu), to discuss an application or to propose alternative ways in which ImmunoX can support you during this period.

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Application Form

Application Date: _____

Name: _____

Position: Grad Student Postdoc

Department/Division: _____

Email: _____

Principal Investigator: _____

PI is ImmunoX: Member Associate

Letter of Support Included: Yes

Estimated Total Cost: _____

Description of applicant's need for funding:

Please provide a budget and budget justification in support of requested costs:

Signature

Date