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International Union of Immunological Societies

IUIS/AAI AWARDS SUMMER COURSES in IMMUNOLOGY

The IUIS Education (EDU) and Gender Equality and Career Development (GEC) Committees and the American Association of Immunologists (AAI) are pleased to announce their continued co-sponsorship of **8 awards** (4/course) for trainees from LMIC to attend the AAI Summer Courses in IMMUNOLOGY.

The Introductory Course in Immunology will be held July 11-16, 2023 at the UCLA Luskin Conference Center, Los Angeles, CA.

The Advanced Course in Immunology will be held July 23-28, 2023 at The Westin Copley Place, Boston, MA.

A list of eligible countries can be found at the end of this announcement.

Preliminary information can be viewed on the AAI website (<http://www.aai.org/Education/Courses>). Complete information, including schedules and registration information, will be posted on the website in March 2023.

The Introductory Course is an intensive two-part course taught by world-renowned immunologists who provide a comprehensive overview of the basics of immunology. *This course is for graduate/postdoctoral students or established scientists* new to the discipline or those seeking more information to complement general biology or science training. Please note that students who do not yet have an undergraduate degree are not considered appropriate applicants for these courses.

The Advanced Course is directed towards *advanced trainees and established scientists* who wish to expand their knowledge of the field.

Leading experts will present recent advances in the biology of the immune system and its role in health and disease. This is not an introductory course. All participants need to have a firm understanding of the principles of Immunology and experience conducting research.

AAI will provide registration and housing (up to 7 nights) for the 8 awardees. The IUIS will provide support for travel to the course and other associated expenses to a maximum of \$2000 US. *Additional expenses will be the responsibility of the attendee.*

The IUIS Education Committee will evaluate applications, perform an initial selection of awardees, and submit proposed candidates to AAI and the GEC committee for final review and approval. Once the selected candidates are informed, AAI will assist them with registration, and IUIS will assist with travel costs reimbursement. Both AAI and IUIS will send the selected candidates a letter of invitation.

Please note that per AAI policy, this should be an applicant's first experience with AAI courses. Previous course attendees or IUIS/AAI awardees will not be considered. Preference will also be given to applicants who have NOT previously studied or had a substantial research experience in the USA or other high-income countries (e.g., Great Britain, Germany, France, Australia, etc.). Successful candidates must be conducting research and *residing in LMIC (see eligible countries below)*; they cannot, for example, come from a LMIC but reside and work in a high-income country.

To apply for these travel awards, please download and submit application forms via <https://www.immunopaedia.org.za/course-registrations/>

The downloaded application form will include:

- 1) A short (1 page) curriculum vitae
- 2) A description of your research and why you would benefit from this course
- 3) Previous educational or research experiences, and relevant immunology courses/workshops you have taken (year and course), and the location at which you attended them
- 4) A signed letter of reference with name and email of supervisor or mentor

APPLICATIONS MISSING ANY OF THESE FOUR ELEMENTS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED

All applications for the INTRODUCTORY course should be received **prior to**

Noon, US Central time, on February 17, 2023 and for the **ADVANCED** course **prior to Noon, US Central time on March 1, 2023**. Applications received or incomplete after this time will not be considered.

Only the candidates selected for awards will be notified, by March 6, 2023 (Introductory) or March 20, 2023 (Advanced). **If you are not notified by these dates, we are unfortunately not able to offer you an award in 2023. Due to the substantial number of applications and limited staff, we are not able to provide individual feedback.**

Eligible countries for applicants:

Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, China, Colombia, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Arab Republic of Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Fiji, Gabon, The Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Federated States of Micronesia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Samoa, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vietnam, West Bank and Gaza, Zambia.