The University of Vermont College of Medicine (UVM COM) seeks Trainees/Junior Researchers in the area of Stem Cell Therapies to apply for a Travel Award through a competitive abstract submission process.

**OVERVIEW:**

The University of Vermont College of Medicine is pleased to present our biannual international workshop “Stem Cells, Cellular Therapies, and Bioengineering in Lung Biology and Lung Diseases”, to be held Monday, July 27 through Thursday, July 30 at the University of Vermont campus in Burlington, Vermont. The goal of the conference is to provide a comprehensive overview with focus towards how advances in stem cell, cell therapy, and lung bioengineering research can be applied to lung biology and diseases.

**TRAVEL AWARDS:** Deadline - May 1, 2015 to be eligible for award consideration.

12 Travel Awards will be presented based on a blinded review by the awards committee. Each travel award will include payment or reimbursement of the registration fee, lodging for the duration of the conference and travel. The travel awards will include Oral Awards, a Minority/Disability Award and Poster Awards.

**Oral Awards:** The top 8 abstracts will be selected to present the research in a 30 minute time slot during the conference.

**Minority / Disability Award:** The University of Vermont College of Medicine understands that diversity is essential to achieving institutional excellence, innovation and the ability to solve complex problems. We promote the advancement of diversity, inclusion and cultural competence in the medical profession as core strategic priorities and believe diversity enhances our work and learning environments, strengthens our ties to local communities, and contributes to the community’s overall health through programs that aim to decrease health disparities and increase health equity. One award will be specifically presented to a woman, under-represented minority individual, or researcher with disabilities. This may or may not be an Oral award.

**Poster Award:** The remaining travel awards will be limited to poster presentations.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

While all trainees and researchers are invited to submit an abstract to present a poster at the conference (registration fees apply), the travel awards will be limited to trainees and junior researchers. We are specifically encouraging trainee and junior investigator participation among underrepresented minorities in our field, specifically persons with disabilities, women and from underrepresented racial ethnic groups; however, researchers of all backgrounds are encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration.

Please note that while the poster abstract submission is open to all stem cell researchers who choose to submit an abstract, participation as a Senior Investigator (without abstract submission) is by invitation only. Inquiries may be directed to the UVM CME Office – the course director and planning committee will consider unsolicited participation requests on a case-by-case basis.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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