

2008 APS/NIDDK Minority Travel Fellows Attend Experimental Biology in San Diego

The APS regularly awards Travel Fellowships for underrepresented minority scientists and students to attend APS scientific meetings with funds provided by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). These Fellowships provide funds for registration, transportation, meals, and lodging for travel to a meeting location, as well as complimentary meeting registration. Fifty-one Fellows attended the APS annual meeting, Experimental Biology (EB) in San Diego, California from April 5-9, 2008.

Fellows in the NIDDK Minority Travel program not only received financial support to attend these meetings, but were also provided professional guidance through pairings with APS members who served as mentors to the Fellows for the duration of the conference. Thanks to the time and expertise offered by mentor volunteers, Fellows were able to maximize their time and more fully experience the many aspects of each conference.

During EB, Fellows attended an orientation and reception on Saturday afternoon, a networking breakfast on Monday, and a luncheon on Wednesday. This year, the luncheon speaker was Patricia E. Molina, Louisiana State Univ. Health Sciences Center, New Orleans. Molina highlighted studies that show diversity in work environments improves the quality of research and APS's strategic directions to support underrepresented minority students. Her speech, "Diversity: Key to Success of Research Teams of the Future" allowed fellows to recognize their essential role in the increasingly global scientific community.

The travel awards are open to graduate students, postdoctoral students, and advanced undergraduate students from

minority groups underrepresented in science (i.e., African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Pacific Islanders). Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The specific intent of this award is to increase participation of pre- and post-doctoral minority students in the physiological sciences. For more information, contact Brooke Bruthers in the APS Education Office at 301-634-7132 or bbruthers@the-aps.org, or visit http://www.the-aps.org/education/minority_prog/index.htm on the APS website. ❖



A. Woodard-Grice, C. Richards-Williams and M. Steed at Experimental Biology 2008.

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APS Meeting Mentors at Experimental Biology 2008:

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Travel Fellows at Experimental Biology 2008.



Minority Travel Fellows at the EB Luncheon.