The John F. Perkins Committee

The John F. Perkins, Jr. Memorial Award for International Physiologists promotes cultural exchange and scientific collaborations by providing supplementary aid to families of foreign scientists working for a minimum of 3 months in the U.S. In this way, young scientists are able to bring their families and thus make full use of the cultural exchange as well as the scientific benefits associated with an international collaboration. This award is intended to support family visits to the US for postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty from overseas. Application for the Perkins Award must be made jointly by the host, who must be an APS member, and the visiting scientist. The recipient receives funds generally not exceeding $5,000.

Applications for the Award are accepted in the spring and fall, with application deadlines of April 15 and October 15. For the April 2012 deadline, the Committee received two applications, and funded one. The recipient was Andras Garami; the host member is Andrej A. Romanovsky, St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center. For the October 2012 deadline, the Committee received ten applications, and funded four. The recipients are Masaki Kajimoto, host member is Michael A. Portman, Seattle Children’s Research Institute; Shihan Wang, host member is Virend K. Somers, Mayo Clinic; Kyungjoon Lim, host member is Irving H. Zucker, University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Lonnie Petersen, host member is Peter Norsk, University Space Research Assoc.