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 spouse and children 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 the spouse and children’s visit 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 October 2014 deadline, the Committee received one application, and did not fund the application. For the April 2015 deadline, the Committee did not receive any applications. The committee revised the description of the award to clarify that the award is intended to bring over a family consisting of a spouse and children.