The PPD-MAC was pleased to launch the new A. Clifford Barger Underrepresented Minority Mentorship Award (www.the-aps.org/barger;) during EB 2016. The Barger Award promotes and embodies the APS' goal of broad diversity among physiologists by recognizing outstanding mentors who make significant impacts on diversity in physiology. It recognizes mentoring as a highly valued professional activity that merits a high level award by the Society.

APS-sponsored Local Undergraduate Research Awards in Physiology (LURAP)

Council approved this new program in Summer 2015, conceived as a joint proposal with COPC, which will provide up to 50 awards per year to undergraduate award winners of university poster competitions in physiology judged by APS members. The program was launched in April 2016. APS members are encouraged to request an award packet at www.the-aps.org/LURAP.

Porter Physiology Development Fellowship Program

The goal of the Porter Physiology Development Program is to encourage diversity among students pursuing full-time studies toward the PhD in the physiological sciences and to encourage their participation in the APS. The program provides 1- to 2-year, full-time graduate fellowships. The program is open to underrepresented ethnic minority applicants who are citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or its territories. Fellows are expected to be/become APS members, participate in EB, complete online professional development activities, and participate in K-12 outreach. The PPD-MAC is pleased to announce the 2016-2017 Porter Fellows:


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<td>Jinae Roa*</td>
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* Ms. Roa has been designated the Eleanor Ison Franklin Fellow for having the highest ranked renewal application.

Since 1967, the program has provided more than 246 fellowships to 145 trainees. For 2016-2017 the PPD-MAC selected a total of eight fellowships have been awarded. The stipend paid to the Porter Fellows for 2016-2017 will again be $28,300/year, consistent with the NIH scale. In 2014 Council approved increased funding for the Porter Physiology Development Fund from $40,000 to $80,000/year. The Committee expresses its sincere appreciation for the continued support of the William Townsend Porter Foundation, APS member contributions, and the APS Council that makes these fellowships possible.

Beginning with the 2016-2017 Porter fellow cohort, PPD-MAC Members will correspond with these students on a quarterly basis with encouragement and coaching. PPD-MAC Members will be able to confidentially discuss any issues as they arise and will select the fellows they will coach/mentor. This new program component has been added to the Condition of Award.

Another initiative is to engage Porter fellows in APS-sponsored opportunities. PPD-MAC will continue to discuss new approaches to reach this goal, including the idea of showcasing Porter Fellow accomplishments and promoting Porter fellows as new trainee members within their respective Section’s activities.

**The Porter Fellowship program will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2017!** Please watch for celebratory initiatives at EB 2017.

### Social Media Outreach

The PPD-MAC manages a Facebook fan page to promote networking among minority physiologists. The committee posts news related to professional development opportunities one to two times weekly. The group currently has 383 followers. The direct link to the page is [www.facebook/APSMinorityPhysiologists](http://www.facebook/APSMinorityPhysiologists).

### Minority Travel Fellows Program

The PPD-MAC reviewed and recommended 40 award recipients for Minority Travel Fellowships to attend EB 2016. This year, six of those 40 travel fellows were supported with funding from Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson. The latter were facilitated by past Porter fellow, Dr. Raul Camacho. Again this year, PPD-MAC was pleased that former Porter Fellows and past Travel Fellows volunteered to be mentors for the “younger” Travel Fellows. Since its inception in 1987, the APS Minority Travel Fellowship Program has awarded 823 travel fellowships to 582 undergraduate students,
graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty members at minority institutions. As in the past, the Committee held a reception for Travel Fellows, their meeting mentors, and past and current Porter Fellows. This reception builds stronger connections between minority students and the larger community of APS scientists, especially other minority scientists. The Porter reception again this year was extremely successful. The Travel Fellows Luncheon was held on Wednesday of the EB meeting. The Fellows heard from keynote speaker, Dr. Sue Bodine, Ph.D., University of California, Davis. Dr. Bodine’s talk, “Fostering Successful Scientific Collaborations Between Academia and Industry,” provided insights and perspectives on her career path from academia to industry and back again to academia.

**Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS)**

APS staff and PPD-MAC members exhibited at the November 2015 meeting in Seattle, WA to promote undergraduate programs, graduate study in physiology, and the APS programs for minority students. The APS was pleased to again provide $2,500 for cash awards for the most outstanding undergraduate presentations in physiology research. Ten undergraduate students received APS-sponsored awards for the best oral and poster presentations in the physiological sciences. Students also received a complimentary 1-year undergraduate membership to APS. Awardees were added to the APS Minority Physiologists and APS Trainee Communities on APS CONNECT.

**Society for the Advancement of Chicanos & Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)**

In 2015, the theme for the SACNAS annual conference was “Science, Culture, and Community.” APS exhibited at this conference, which took place October 29-31 in National Harbor, MD (outside Washington, DC). Over 3,700 attendees participated in the conference. Most attendees were undergraduates. APS staff and PPD-MAC members manned the APS booth to promote APS diversity programs, K-12 resources and materials, and Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowships, as well as other APS awards, grants and fellowships, trainee and career information, and APS membership. This Summer Council approved funding for presentation awards, plus APS membership, to be given for outstanding undergraduate student poster and graduate student oral presentation awards. A total of $2,100/year for 5 years ($10,500 total) was committed.

**K-12 Minority Outreach Fellows Program**

This program fosters communication between URM graduate and postdoctoral students and middle/high school URM life sciences students. Two awardees were selected for 2016-2017: Carmen de Miguel, a postdoctoral fellow at University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Joshua Streak, a graduate student at University of New Mexico. Congratulations!! Fellows attended EB 2016 to learn about outreach techniques and activities, will conduct outreach and attend either SACNAS or ABRCMS this fall, and will attend EB again in 2017 to conduct outreach activities.

"Be Counted" Campaign

Overall, the combined efforts have increased member compliance. PPD-MAC will continue to monitor URM and ethnicity profiles in an effort to better inform other APS committees and Sections.

Council accepted the report of the Porter Physiology Development and Minority Affairs Committee.