

The Keystone Symposia Fellows Program



Keystone Symposia enables URM investigators to present research and forge new collaborations.

"I honestly derived far more benefit and knowledge than I thought I would from this experience, and I had set the bar pretty high to begin with." — Nicole LaRonde-LeBlanc, 2008-09 Keystone Symposia Fellow and Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland



Lively discussion marks each Keystone Symposia Scientific Advisory Board meeting.

"I must tell you that being recognized as a KS Fellow truly made a difference in how I was perceived at the meeting... Your diversity efforts are already making a dramatic difference for me." — Cherié Butts, 2008-09 Keystone Symposia Fellow, Postdoc Researcher at NIMH/NIH and Short Talk Presenter at Keystone Symposia's 2009 Dendritic Cells conference in Banff



Keystone Symposia Scientific Advisory Board meetings are held in the picturesque setting of Keystone, Colorado near Keystone Symposia's offices.

Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology announces a new, highly unique, cutting-edge, life science fellowship program for postdoctoral students and new assistant professors engaged in laboratory-based research.

Keystone Symposia is a premier, nonprofit, life science organization that has been connecting the scientific community through high-quality research conferences for nearly 40 years. As part of its vision to enhance participation in life science research by scientists from under-represented minority (URM) groups, it now offers an opportunity to learn "how the field of science works" and how research is selected for presentation at international conferences on cancer, metabolism/diabetes, genetics, infectious disease, cardiovascular disease and many other research topics. How is research put forward? How are selections made? How is a research agenda set? As participants in the process by which Keystone Symposia programming is determined, Fellows are actively engaged in intensive discussions with renowned, well-established scientists around the globe. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to engage the "giants in the field" through a variety of formats including online study groups, teleconferences and several one-day, face-to-face meetings.

Fellowship Program Focus: The focus of this program is to expose emerging scientists to the intellectual framework driving the scientific community at present. Further, it is designed to advance participation in life science research by scientists from traditional and historically URM populations who are US citizens and permanent residents (Hispanics, African Americans, Native Americans and Pacific Islanders). Graduates of the Keystone Symposia Fellowship Program become members of a unique cadre of scientists who are well-connected, knowledgeable members of the life science community, and active proponents of inclusive practices within that community.

General Requirements: All candidates must hold a Ph.D. or M.D. in a life science discipline and be actively engaged in laboratory research. Applications from scientists in industry at the postdoctoral or early research scientist level will be considered. Applicants must also be able to document a commitment to inclusiveness within the life sciences field, as well as experience in one-to-one mentoring, teaching or experiential learning with students from one of the traditional US URM groups named above. Though it is not a requirement that candidates themselves be representative of a URM group, they must commit to identifying, mentoring and advancing the research careers of URM scientists.

Keystone Symposia Fellows participate in this one-year program while engaged in their regular postdoctoral, assistant professor or research scientist appointments anywhere in the United States.

Program Curriculum: Fellows are required to complete and submit regular curricular assignments throughout the program period. While these may vary from year to year, candidates should plan on 6-8 written submissions, each ranging in length from 2-4 typed written pages. Travel to two required Scientific Advisory Board meetings in January and June will be funded by Keystone Symposia.

Selection Process: Candidates will be selected by the Keystone Symposia Fellowship Admissions Committee. Applications must be submitted by September 1 of each calendar year, and notification will be made by October, with a start date of November 1.

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