



The University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine (UVM COM) invites **Trainees/Junior Researchers** in the area of Stem Cell Therapies to apply for a Travel Award through a competitive abstract submission process.

OVERVIEW:

The University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine is pleased to present our biannual international workshop “**Stem Cells, Cellular Therapies, and Bioengineering in Lung Biology and Diseases**”, to be held **Monday, July 24 through Thursday, July 27** at the University of Vermont campus in Burlington, Vermont. The goal of the conference is to provide a comprehensive overview with focus towards how advances in stem cell, cell therapy, and lung bioengineering research can be applied to lung biology and diseases.

TRAVEL AWARDS:

There will be a total of 9 full travel awards as follows:

Oral Presentation Awards: The top 8 abstracts will be selected for presentation in 20-minute time slots during the conference. These awards will be selected through blinded review by the awards committee. Two of these Travel Awards will be sponsored by the European Respiratory Society (ERS) and are limited to ERS Members.

Diversity Award: The University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine and the Conference organizers understand that diversity is essential to achieving institutional excellence, innovation and the ability to solve complex problems. We promote the advancement of diversity, inclusion and cultural competence in the biomedical professions as core strategic priorities and believe diversity enhances our work and learning environments, strengthens our ties to local communities, and contributes to the community’s overall health through programs that aim to decrease health disparities and increase health equity. An additional oral presentation award will be specifically presented **to a woman, under-represented minority individual, or researcher with disabilities** and will be awarded to the top abstract graded in this category.

Both the diversity award and oral presentation award will include payment or reimbursement of the registration fee, lodging for the duration of the conference and coach rate travel.

Poster Award: Two poster awards will be decided based on a competitive scoring process at the conference. These awardees will receive a reimbursement of conference fees.

Elevator Pitch Competition: A new feature of the 2017 conference is a one-minute elevator pitch competition where trainees are asked to present a one minute synopsis of their work. This will be judged during the competition during Session IV on Wednesday, July 26. The trainees with the top two elevator pitches will receive a reimbursement of conference fees.

ELIGIBILITY:

While all trainees and researchers are invited to submit an abstract to present a poster at the conference (registration fees apply), the travel awards will be limited to trainees and junior researchers. We are specifically encouraging trainee and junior investigator participation among underrepresented minorities in our field, specifically persons with disabilities, women, and from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups; however, researchers of all backgrounds are encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration.

Please note that while the *poster abstract submission* is open to all, participation as a Senior Investigator (without abstract submission) is by invitation only. Inquiries may be directed to the UVM CME Office – the course director and planning committee will consider unsolicited participation requests on a case-by-case basis.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: Visit the conference website to find the [link for ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM](#). For more information, contact UVM CME, 802-656-2292, Michele.Morin@med.uvm.edu

Deadline - May 1, 2017 to be eligible for oral presentation or diversity award consideration.