



The Women in Neurotrauma Research is pleased to announce the call for applications for the Women in Neurotrauma Research Visiting International Scholarship Award (WInTR-VISA).

The Women in Neurotrauma Research Visiting International Scholar Award (WInTR-VISA) was established to promote international networking opportunities, and to advance the careers of young neurotrauma researchers. The Award provides an opportunity for international collaboration by subsidizing both travel to the National Neurotrauma Symposium and a brief period of research training/collaboration in a sponsor's laboratory. This award supports the mission of WInTR **to promote international gender equality in neurotrauma research.**

The WInTR-VISA provides full financial support for a woman neurotrauma researcher (doctoral student, post-doctoral fellow, or junior independent scientist) to attend Neurotrauma 2009 in Santa Barbara, California from September 7 - 11. In addition, the award subsidizes a research training/collaborative opportunity in any neurotrauma laboratory in the United States or abroad to learn new skills or techniques pertinent to their research project. The award includes roundtrip airfare to the conference and sponsoring laboratory, registration, abstract fee, lodging and meals, not to exceed \$4,000 US.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Both the applicant's advisor (mentor or chairman) and their sponsor must be current International / National Neurotrauma Society (INTS/NNS) and Women in Neurotrauma Research (WInTR) members.
- Applicants must be women conducting neurotrauma research and demonstrate the benefit of international training/collaboration in their application.

#### **APPLICATION**

- Biographical sketch, including name, contact information, current position, education, honors, awards and publications.
- Title and one paragraph describing the applicant's current research project.
- A one page project statement describing how the research training/collaboration in the sponsor's laboratory will further her immediate and future research objectives.
- Letter of support from the applicant's advisor, mentor, or Chair.
- Letter of support from the principle investigator of the sponsoring neurotrauma laboratory, which describes the proposed project, sponsor's contribution to the Scholar's training and duration of the training/collaborative research experience.

#### **ACTIVITIES UNDER THE AWARD**

- Attend the National Neurotrauma Symposium (September 7 – 11, 2009, Santa Barbara) as the WInTR Visiting International Scholar.
- Provide a 15 minute oral presentation of current research project and the proposed benefits of international collaboration during the WInTR Business Meeting (September, 8, 2009).
- Attend the WInTR Reception and Mentoring program (September, 9, 2009)
- Conduct hands-on, on-site training/collaborative research in the sponsor's neurotrauma laboratory.
- Submit a brief report of the Visiting International Scholar experience for the WInTR newsletter.

Applications for the WInTR-VISA are due on July 1, 2009. The WInTR-VISA will be announced on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Applications and inquiries may be submitted to Dr. Christina R. Marmarou, WInTR chair at [crmarmar@vcu.edu](mailto:crmarmar@vcu.edu) or Dr.

Jonathan Lifshitz, WInTR-VISA committee chair at [jlifs2@email.uky.edu](mailto:jlifs2@email.uky.edu). For WInTR membership information, see:

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