



The American Association of Immunologists

News Release

AAI Announces Selection of 16 AAI Trainee Members as Major Symposium Speakers at the American Association of Immunologists' IMMUNOLOGY2024™ Annual Conference

Trainee Speakers Featured for the First Time at AAI Annual Conference

ROCKVILLE, MD (March 22, 2024) — The American Association of Immunologists today announced the selection of Trainee Members as a Major Symposium speakers for the IMMUNOLOGY2024™ meeting – the premier immunology conference bringing together the best minds, sharing cutting-edge research, and providing opportunities to connect –to be held in Chicago May 3-7, 2024.

The 16 graduate student and postdoctoral fellow speakers were selected from more than 1,500 abstracts submitted during the regular abstract submission period. (Late-breaking abstracts were not eligible for consideration.) This year marks the first time AAI has featured trainees in its annual conference Major Symposia. Their research will also be showcased in a Poster Session.

“AAI’s annual meeting features the latest research from some of the brightest minds in the field of immunology,” said Loretta Doan, CEO of The American Association of Immunologists. “AAI trainee members are making exciting discoveries every day, and we are thrilled to offer this high-profile honor for some of them to share their work with the community.”

To be considered as a trainee symposia speaker, the trainee must be the first author of the abstract and a current AAI member in good standing.

The 16 trainee speakers are:

Rimjhim Agarwal

La Jolla Institute for Immunology
La Jolla, CA

Lindsay E. Bass

Vanderbilt Univ.
Nashville, TN

Zena Marie Del Mundo

Univ. of California
Irvine, CA

Cody Elkins

Emory Univ. Sch. of Med.
Atlanta, GA

Diandra Ellis

Tulane Univ.
New Orleans, LA

Alexandra M. Hoyt-Miggelbrink

Duke Univ.
Durham, NC

Brittney Knott

Univ. of Alabama
Birmingham, AL

Jeongsoo Lee

Korean Advanced Inst. of Science and Engineering
Daedeok Innopolis, Daejeon, South Korea

Dustyn B. Levenson

Washington Univ. Sch. of Med.
St. Louis, MO

Sana Mir

Univ. of Rochester Med. Ctr.
Rochester, NY

Sam M. Murray

Univ. of Oxford
Wellington Square, Oxford, UK

Ronal M. Peralta

Univ. of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA

Sophie Sipprell

Univ. of North Carolina
Charlotte, NC

Tania Velez

Univ. of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA

Sarah A. Wedemeyer

UT Health San Antonio
San Antonio, TX

Yating Zheng

Univ. of Michigan Med. Sch
Ann Arbor, MI

About The American Association of Immunologists

The American Association of Immunologists (AAI) is one of the world's largest organizations of immunologists and scientists in related disciplines. Our mission is to improve global health and well-being by advancing immunology and elevating public understanding about the immune system. AAI members are responsible for some of the most significant biomedical discoveries of the past century, including the development of life-saving cancer immunotherapies, monoclonal antibodies, transplant technologies, and vaccines. We support scientists across the field of immunology through knowledge dissemination, community building, advocacy, and public outreach.

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