

AAI Trainee Abstract Award

Deadline: **January 11, 2017**



This award provides travel support to AAI Trainee members (graduate students and postdoctoral fellows) whose first-author abstracts submitted to the AAI annual meeting are selected for oral presentation in Block Symposia. Recipients will be reimbursed for expenses associated with attending the AAI annual meeting (registration, travel, and lodging at an AAI-designated hotel).

The maximum level of reimbursement will vary according to the number of consecutive years of AAI membership:

Length of AAI Membership	Maximum Eligible Award Reimbursement
One Year (Paid through the end of 2017)	\$500
Two Year (Member in good standing* for 2016 and 2017)	\$625
Three Year (Member in good standing* for 2015, 2016, and 2017)	\$750

*Member dues paid in full for each year and a current Trainee Certification Form submitted

Attendance at the meeting is mandatory, and the first author must make both the oral and poster presentations. In most cases this award may not be combined with other AAI awards or grants for IMMUNOLOGY 2017™. AAI Trainee Abstract Award recipients may also be second recipients on AAI Laboratory Travel Grants, but the maximum funding under the Laboratory Travel Grant will be reduced commensurately.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, a successful candidate must:

1. be an **AAI Trainee member for 2017** with dues paid no later than **January 11, 2017**, and
2. have completed the submission of a first-author abstract to the AAI annual meeting by **January 11, 2017**.

If you are not yet a Trainee member, visit <http://www.aai.org/Membership/Categories.html#Trainee> to join.

How to Qualify — FAQs

Q: *What does it mean to be selected for a Block Symposium?*

A: Every abstract submitted to the meeting is reviewed by AAI members called Abstract Programming Chairs (APCs), expert in that field. The APCs select outstanding abstracts for oral presentation at the meeting. This honor highlights exciting science.

Q: *How do I indicate I want to be considered for this award?*

A: Any AAI Trainee member who submits a first-author abstract to IMMUNOLOGY 2017™ automatically will be considered, provided that you meet all eligibility requirements above and select the option during abstract submission that indicates you are willing to make an oral presentation at the meeting. NOTE: If you select "POSTER ONLY," you will NOT be considered for this award.

Q: *How do I know that my abstract submission is complete?*

A: Your abstract submission is complete when you have paid the abstract submission fee and received an email confirmation.

Q: *If I am selected for an oral presentation and cannot attend the meeting, will I still get the award?*

A: No. To be eligible for the award you must attend the meeting and make the presentation in person.

Q: *Can someone else make my presentation for me?*

A: Occasionally someone else makes a presentation due to a legitimate emergency situation; however, the award will not be given to them or to the author who does not present.

Q: *What if I have more than one abstract and they are BOTH selected for oral presentation in Block Symposia?*

A: No individual may receive more than one award.

Q: *I think I am already a Trainee Member (or I used to be). How can I check?*

A: Send an email to members@aai.org and AAI staff will let you know.

Q: *I don't have any publications yet. May I still become a Trainee Member?*

A: Yes! There is no publication requirement! You must be enrolled in a graduate program and have an advisor or department chair vouch for you and sign the [Trainee Certification Form](#).

Q: *How much does it cost to become a Trainee Member?*

A: \$64 for graduate students and \$85 for postdoctoral fellows for the year – and this includes a personal subscription to *The Journal of Immunology*, a subscription to the *AAI Newsletter*, reduced registration fees to AAI meetings and courses, regular AAI mailings and email alerts, and more.

Q: *How long do I have to wait to become a Trainee Member?*

A: Trainee members are approved and enrolled as soon as we receive a completed application, a signed [Trainee Certification Form](#), and payment.

Q: *I am a postdoctoral fellow and an AAI Regular Member. May I be considered for this award?*

A: Yes. You must have paid your 2017 membership dues by January 11, 2017; completed submission of a first-author abstract to the AAI annual meeting by January 11th; and have uploaded a signed [Trainee Certification Form](#) to your AAI member profile by January 11th.

