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Dear AAI Member:

We are pleased to announce that AAI is now accepting applications for the seventh year of the **AAI Public Policy Fellows Program (PPFP)**.

The PPFP is a year-long program designed to provide eligible postdoctoral fellows and junior scientists with the opportunity to learn about, and participate in, public policy and legislative activities that impact the conduct of biomedical research. Except for two travel experiences described below, Fellows remain at their institution/lab during their fellowship year.

The PPFP helps AAI members, at an early stage of their careers, better understand the role of the President/Administration, Congress, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in determining the laws and policies that affect biomedical research. The program also teaches participants how best to advocate for, and help shape, policies that guide their careers. In addition, it helps ensure that AAI has within its ranks a cadre of well-informed scientists who can help lead the organization's public policy efforts in the future.

Those who are selected as Fellows for 2017-2018 will participate in a special program at the AAI annual meeting ([IMMUNOLOGY 2017™](#) in Washington, D.C., from May 12 – 16, 2017). Fellows will return to Washington in March 2018 for a two-day "Capitol Hill Day" program, which will include advocacy training and visits to their federal legislators to advocate for biomedical research and increased funding for NIH. (A [video](#) from the first PPFP Capitol Hill Day is available here.) Throughout their fellowship year, participants will be kept informed of major policy issues and solicited for their views on key topics.

All Fellows are selected by the AAI Committee on Public Affairs. Applicants must:

- have received their Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent within the previous 10 years in immunology or a related field;
- be a member in good standing of AAI (must be a member at the time the application is submitted, and throughout the Fellowship year);
- be committed to a career in biomedical research;
- have excellent interpersonal and communication skills;
- have an interest in public policy as it relates to biomedical research;
- live and work in the United States; and

- submit the required documentation, including references from two eligible AAI members, no later than the application deadline of **January 26, 2017**.

Sixty AAI members have participated in this exciting and important program thus far. (Click [here](#) for a list of current and previous Fellows.) We look forward to welcoming another excellent group of scientists next spring.

To apply, or for more information, please click [here](#), or contact AAI Science Policy and Legislative Affairs Specialist Jake Schumacher at jschumacher@aai.org or (301) 634-7744.

We invite applications from all eligible candidates for this important program.

Thank you in advance for your interest and support.

Sincerely,



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