

Sealy Center for Vaccine Development TRAINEE FELLOWSHIPS for FY09

Instructions for Applicants:

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the trainee fellowships is to support outstanding postdoctoral fellows and/or graduate students in the broad area of vaccinology. Fellowships may be awarded for up to \$35,000 per year. For graduate students, these awards will support salary, fringe benefits and graduate school tuition & fees costs only. While a trainee can be supported for a total of two years, second year funding will be contingent upon submission of an acceptable progress report. Trainees of all Sealy Center for Vaccine Development faculty members are eligible to apply

1. Application forms are available online at <http://www.utmb.edu/scvd/funding.asp>.
2. You may return the completed application via mail or electronically. See specific instructions below.
 - Mail one original and four copies of the completed application (Part I) and attachments (please include only the first page of each published work) to the SCVD Fellowship Committee, 3.230 Mary Moody Northern Pavilion, Route 0436.
 - Convert all requested information into a single PDF file and include this electronic file on CD with your submission. Be sure to include all attachments in the PDF file.
 - NOTE: It is not sufficient to attach a C.V. covering the information requested. An application form must be submitted. **Deadline for receipt is August 24th, 2009 9am.**
3. *Graduate Students:* Forward Part II (the reference request forms) to your mentor, program director and one other faculty member. Request that one copy of your official UTMB academic transcript be mailed directly from the institution to the attention of the SCVD Fellowship Committee, 3.230 Mary Moody Northern Pavilion, Route 0436. The deadline for receipt is August 24th, 2009 9am. Funding will be at the level of a GSBS stipend plus academic fees only.
Postdoctoral Fellows: Forward Part II (the reference request forms) to your mentor, and two other faculty members. Funding will be at the level of \$35,000 salary per annum. Mentors may supplement salary. Allow sufficient lead-time so the completed forms will be received in the SCVD office on or before the August 24th, 2009 9am deadline.
4. Both mentor and trainee should provide a biographical sketch in NIH format.
5. A list of publications from the last three years by the mentor which either have a Byline including, and/or acknowledge funding from the Sealy Center for Vaccine Development. Please explain if there are no publications. Please include up to three of these publications as appendices.
6. Grantees and mentors agree by acceptance of funding to acknowledge SCVD financial support in presentations or publications that result from funding.
7. Applications will be judged in 5 categories. These categories are:
 - academic performance (grades) and/or research experience/potential
 - scientific merit of proposed project and its relevance to vaccinology/goals of the SCVD
 - letters of recommendation
 - publication record (judged appropriate to the years of experience), and
 - other indicators of potential, leadership, service, or worthiness that do not fit into the above categories.

Direct inquiries about the preparation of your application to Andrew McNees, PhD at (409) 266-6506 or amcnees@utmb.edu.

Applications received after August 24th, 2009 9am, and incomplete applications WILL NOT be accepted.
Acceptance of the fellowship must be made, in writing, within one week of notification of the award.
Awards will be made in accordance to the UTMB fiscal calendar year.