

ADVAC 11

# 2010 ADVANCED VACCINOLOGY (ADVAC 11) COURSE TRAVEL GRANT

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The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) invites applications for **Advanced Vaccinology Course Travel Grants**. The travel grant program is sponsored by **NFID**. The grants are intended to assist recent postdoctoral (e.g., MD, PhD, DSc) graduates (including sub-specialty fellows) who have a demonstrated interest in a career in vaccinology. They are not intended for well-established investigators. The advanced vaccinology course will be held at Les Pensières, Veyrier-du-Lac, France from May 10 – 21, 2010 and will provide participants with a comprehensive overview of critical decision-making in vaccinology.

The course will focus on decision-making processes related to: the multi-faceted nature of vaccinology; how vaccines work; decision-making in vaccine R&D; assessing vaccines in clinical trials; vaccine safety; ethical issues; introducing new vaccines into vaccination programs; selecting appropriate vaccination strategies; new vaccines in development and how to deliver vaccine messages to different interest groups.

**To be eligible for this award the applicant must have made separate application to the course.** Further information about the course can be obtained from:

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*Note: Please do not contact NFID for information about the course.*

## **DEADLINE**

Applications must be postmarked **no later than November 16, 2009**. Notification of award will be made on or about February 1, 2010.

## **AMOUNT OF AWARD AND RULES GOVERNING RECEIPT**

Two travel grants, each in the amount of \$4,000, will be made. The grants are meant to defray expenses related to attending the course: registration, airfare, ground transportation, lodging, meals, and incidentals. A check payable in US dollars will be disbursed to the successful applicants at the time of the course.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

A recent postdoctoral graduate is defined as an individual who has completed a doctoral degree within the past three years, or in the case of physicians, an individual who has completed specialty training or a sub-specialty fellowship within the past two years. The candidate must be a citizen of and reside in the United States at the time of the course, must have a demonstrated commitment to vaccinology as a career, and must be conducting research or working in a recognized and accredited US institution of higher learning or in a governmental agency. Priority will be given to those applicants with demonstrated financial need.

## **APPLICATION**

The original application and two copies must be postmarked **no later than November 16, 2009** and addressed to the Grants Manager, National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, 4733 Bethesda Avenue, Suite 750, Bethesda MD 20814-5278.

The application package should consist of the following materials:

- 1) a letter from the applicant, not exceeding two pages, stating:
  - a) the applicant's long term interest in vaccinology
  - b) proposed research or work in vaccinology for the next 2-3 years
  - c) location of the proposed research or work, and department or division chairman
  - d) financial need
- 2) a letter of support from the department or division chairman, not exceeding one page, which reiterates the applicant's research or work in vaccinology, and which includes a statement of financial need
- 3) the applicant's curriculum vitae
- 4) a copy of the applicant's application to the advanced vaccinology course