

WCBR Travel Fellowships

The WCBR Travel Fellowship program has been an active component of the conference for the past 20 years. The intent of the Fellowship program is to foster the attendance of young neuroscientists at the beginning stages of their careers. There are two fellowship options: Panel Fellows and Poster Fellows.

Panel Fellowships – Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be listed as a speaker in a Panel Session proposal that was submitted by the application deadline, and which is subsequently accepted into the program.
- Applicants must be within 10 years since receipt of Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent advanced degree at time of application deadline, or be in a program leading to such a degree.
- Preference is given to scientists transitioning from Post-doctoral to faculty positions, but outstanding scientists at all levels are encouraged to apply and will be considered
- Previous recipients of a WCBR **Panel** Fellowship Award are **not** eligible for a second award. However previous applicants for this award who did not win are encouraged to reapply, and recipients of a WCBR **Poster** Fellowship Award are eligible to apply for the **Panel** Fellowship Award.

What the Panel Fellowship Provides:

Current meeting: Free registration and \$1000 towards eligible travel expenses if the Fellow attends the entire meeting (which is expected). If the Fellow cannot attend the full meeting, this should be indicated at the time of application, and if awarded the travel reimbursement will be reduced on a pro-rated basis.

Future meetings: Free registration to one WCBR meeting within 2 years of receipt of the travel award, contingent on the Fellow being the Chair of a panel session. Note that there is a cap on two free registrations for any combination of Travel Fellowships and Poster Awards.

Poster Fellowships – Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be within 5 years since receipt of Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent advanced degree at time of application deadline, or be in a program leading to such a degree.
- Previous recipients of a WCBR Poster Travel Fellowship Award are **not** eligible for a second award. However, previous applicants for this award who did not win are encouraged to reapply if still eligible.

What the Poster Fellowship Provides

Current meeting: Free registration plus \$500 toward eligible travel expenses if the Fellow attends the full meeting (which is expected). If the fellowship cannot attend the full meeting, this should be indicated at the time of application and if awarded, the travel reimbursement will be reduced on a pro-rated basis.

Future meetings: No further perks, but the **Poster** Fellow is eligible to apply for the **Panel** Fellowship Award. Note that there is a cap on two free registrations for any combination of Travel Fellowship and Poster Awards

Application Procedure

Applications for Travel Fellowships consist of the following components:

1. The applicant's NIH-style Biosketch (Please follow current formatting guidelines, e.g. including a link to an online listing of all publications and brief summaries of research highlights to date.)
2. An abstract for the entire session in which the applicant is participating (for Panel Fellows ONLY).
3. An abstract for the applicant's presentation (specific panel presentation OR poster presentation).
4. A letter of reference in support of the applicant.

NOTE: WCBR especially encourages applications from women and members of other demographic groups currently underrepresented in the research workforce, such as racial/ethnic groups, persons with disabilities, and U.S. military veterans.

Lifetime cap on number of free registrations

The maximum number of free registrations for any combination of Panel Fellowship, Poster Fellowship, and Poster Awards is two. For example, if a Poster Fellow from a previous meeting receives a Panel Fellowship Award, then s/he will receive free registration (along with travel reimbursement) for the year of the Panel Fellowship, but will not be eligible for the additional free registration in future years if chairing a session, and will not receive free registration if the winner of a poster award.