



UNITED STATES ANIMAL **VACCINOLOGY RESEARCH** COORDINATION NETWORK

USAVRCN Advanced Vaccines Fellowship (AVF) Award

The USAVRCN seeks to foster working collaboration between laboratories that seek novel approaches to advancing vaccine technologies. The AVF Award provides the recipient with supplemental funds to assist them in research that brings novel concepts to their doctoral work. The USAVRCN strives for creative solutions to vaccine problems, and the AVF award seeks to support those who cross-pollinate between disciplines in meaningful and novel ways.

Awarding

- AVF Award Candidates are nominated through email submission of forms available on the USAVRCN website (link below). Self-nominations/applications are accepted.
- Nominees are generally:
 - Mentees of at least one USAVRCN member
 - Pre- and post-doctoral candidates
 - Conducting research in a laboratory different from that of their doctoral work
- Nominations will be reviewed and ranked by the USAVRCN Board, with preference given to candidates conducting cross-cutting and technologically compelling research
- The top five candidates put forth to be voted on via silent poll by the USAVRCN at large.
- Up to one award of \$2000 will be made annually

Bridges to Novel Advances

- The AVF Program aims to:
 - Provide financial support to students and fellows taking risks toward technological advances in vaccinology
 - Stimulate networking and collaborative research within the USAVRCN and across to the scientific community at large
 - Support placement of postdoctoral candidates in laboratories focusing on aspects of vaccinology disparate from their doctoral work (i.e. Postdoc with novel technical background electing fellowships in clinical/trial labs, or a predoctoral student with immunology background working chemical vaccinology labs)

For more information, please visit our AVF Program web page at:

<http://cag.uconn.edu/pvs/usanimalvaccinenetwork/outreach-avfellowship.php>