

## USAVRCN Early Career Vaccinologist (ECV) Program

The USAVRCN seeks to foster career development for promising young investigators committing their early efforts toward agricultural or aquacultural vaccinology. The ECV Program provides awardees with mentorship, networking opportunities, and travel funds for awardees to the annual USAVRCN Symposium held in conjunction with CRWAD.

Awarding

- ECV Program Candidates are nominated through email submission of forms available on the USAVRCN website (link below). Self-nominations are accepted.
- Nominees are generally limited to those within five years of receiving a doctoral degree. Exceptions may be made at discretion of the review panel.
- Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of mid-level and senior Network members, through a competitive process that weighs candidate experience, accomplishments, vision, and commitment to the field of vaccinology.
- Up to five awards will be made annually

Mentorship

- The ECV Program aims to provide mentorship and professional networking
- ECV Mentors include successful mid-career vaccinologists and established researcher members from academic, government, or industrial institutions.
- Mentorship will be directed through an annual series of online workshops, including on Grantsmanship and Vaccine Development

Travel

- Annual USAVRCN meetings provide a central means of facilitating the ECV Program
- Granted funds (\$1000) are to attend the annual USAVRCN Symposium and interact directly with others in the network.

For more information, please visit our ECV Program web page at <u>http://cag.uconn.edu/pvs/usanimalvaccinenetwork/outreach-earlycareer.php</u>