

## **CESAR MILSTEIN AWARD 2018 – Society of Clinical Investigation (SAIC), Society of Immunology (SAI) and Society of Physiology (SAFIS) Meeting 2018**

Novartis Institutes of Biomedical Research & Novartis Argentina SA

At Novartis, our mission is to discover new ways to improve and extend people's lives. We use science based innovation to address some of society's most challenging healthcare issues. We discover and develop breakthrough treatments and find new ways to deliver them to as many people as possible.

This Award is a Novartis initiative to support and enhance local translational science capabilities. The Award consists of 1-3 months internship at Novartis Institutes of Biomedical Research (NIBR).

Guided by Novartis mentors, the interns will work on a jointly-agreed upon, precompetitive scientific or clinical research project. Research projects expose selected scientist to state-of-the-art methodologies and leading experts in the fields while ensuring use within their home infrastructure.

### **Guidelines for the Applicants 2018 - Submission deadline: August 15th, 2018**

#### **Award benefits**

- working on a research project of interest to their local scientific and clinical communities
- augmenting their scientific capabilities through seminars, journal club, discussion forums, and various educational courses
- networking and collaborating within the intern group, with their mentors, the greater Novartis scientific community, and where possible, with other academic collaborators
- supporting their educational goals and scientific career development through mentorship

#### **The Award includes**

- Scientific/Clinical Research Infrastructure and Training: All necessary equipment, training and operational needs (e.g. computers, supplies and reagents) will be provided by Novartis to support investigation of a jointly agreed-upon, pre-competitive (non-proprietary) scientific question or challenge.
- Travel, Accommodations & Visas: Novartis will provide (a) round-trip economy class airfare, (b) student accommodation for the duration of the project, and (c) application for educational visas to the Swiss authorities on behalf of the selected participants.
- Stipend and Health Insurance: Novartis will provide health insurance and a monthly stipend to cover incidentals and basic living expenses.
- Timelines & Location: The internship will be for 1-3 months depending on the project agreed. It

will take place in any Novartis NIBR laboratory (i.e. Basel, Switzerland; Cambridge, USA; New Jersey, USA)

### **Selection Process**

Only one postulant will get the Award.

Submitted abstracts have to be original on the topic:

[‘Current insights on Chagas’ Disease mechanisms and/or therapies’](#)

After a pre-selection of four postulants out of all the applications received, a jury will make a final decision based on a 15 min oral presentation of the candidates with 5 min questions in an especial session during the SAIC SAI SAFIS 2018 Congress.

The applicant has to be a graduated in biomedical sciences and up to 35 years old. People integrating SAIC governing/administrative bodies in any working relation with the Society will be inhibited from participation. This statement also applies to the governing/administrative bodies in any working relation with the other Societies organizing the Joint Meeting: the SAI (Argentine Society of Immunology), the SAFIS (Argentine Society of Physiology), the Nanomed-ar (Argentine Association of Nanomedicines) and the SAV (Argentine Society of Virology).

The jury, both for the pre-selection and the final decision, will be integrated by Novartis and SAIC members in equal proportion.

The pre-selection process might include a short 10 min presentation to the jury in Buenos Aires in the week previous to the SAIC SAI SAFIS Meeting.

**For the pre-selection, please apply until August 15th, 2018**

by writing an email to:

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under the subject “CESAR MILSTEIN AWARD 2018” and submit the following information in one PDF document (max. 3 MB):

- CV or résumé
- Academic transcripts/grade reports
- Letter of recommendation/support from a faculty member
- Letter of motivation
- Oral Communication Research Abstract on the Topic of the Award

The documents that are not received in both email addresses in due date, or where any information requested is lacking, will not be considered for the pre-selection process.