

# VANDERBILT INSTITUTE FOR INFECTION, IMMUNOLOGY & INFLAMMATION

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS MINI-SABBATICAL FELLOWSHIPS

### **Funding Opportunity Description:**

Two of the primary goals of the Vanderbilt Institute for Infection, Immunology, & Inflammation (VI4) are, *one*, to organize the community of scientists at Vanderbilt and Meharry that study various aspects of infection biology, immunology and inflammatory diseases; and, *two*, to provide increased opportunities for interactions among VI4 Faculty. Mini-sabbatical fellowships are meant to achieve both of these goals by fostering collaborative training opportunities for students and postdoctoral fellows within the laboratories of Institute Faculty. These fellowships seek to provide funds that will allow trainees to expand their technical expertise and enhance their research projects through short-term training experiences in the laboratory of another VI4 Faculty. The hope is that these fellowships will expand the technical capabilities of the community while facilitating collaborative research among VI4 Faculty.

Two types of fellowships are expected:

1. INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS to permit trainees to work in the laboratory of another VI4 Faculty.
2. EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS to permit trainees to work in a laboratory outside of Vanderbilt, and are meant to support the acquisition and subsequently to disseminate new expertise, scientific tools or approaches within Vanderbilt.

### **Number of Fellowships, Funds, & Budget:**

1. Each INTERNAL FELLOWSHIP in 2018 will be for \$4,000.00. THREE-to-FIVE awards are anticipated in 2018.
2. No budget is required for INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS as the expectation is that the allocated funds will be used to support the proposed training experience.
3. The budget for EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS are flexible based on need. Requests for EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS should include a reasonable itemized budget and a justification.

### **Eligibility:**

All participating faculty must be members of the VI4.

### **Application Materials:**

1. One paragraph description of the proposed training opportunity and how it will enhance the trainee's current research project (think big!). The introduction of new technological and experimental approaches to the research project as a consequence of the mini-sabbatical must be clearly stated.
2. Those seeking support for EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS should provide an additional paragraph describing the necessity to leave Vanderbilt to acquire the new technology and a plan to disseminate it to other interested VI4 laboratory or laboratories.
3. Short letter from each of the two participating faculty members confirming willingness to support the proposed training.

**Submission Deadline:** Tuesday, 30 January 2018

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