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RESEARCH**

Thank you for your interest in applying to the University of Maryland [Institute for Bioscience and Biotechnology Research](#) (IBBR) and [Robert E. Fischell Institute for Biomedical Devices](#) (REFI) Travel Fellowship.

### **About the IBBR/REFI Travel Fellowship**

The goal of this program is to support the success of scholars whose projects align with the shared missions of IBBR and REFI toward the translation of basic scientific and engineering research into innovative solutions to biomedical challenges. This fellowship is available to UMCP graduate students and postdoctoral researchers working with IBBR fellows and/or REFI researchers.

*The mission of Institute for Bioscience and Biotechnology Research is to pursue solutions to major health challenges through advances in the understanding of biomolecular structure-function relationships while strengthening the state and nation's bioeconomy.*

*The mission of the Robert E. Fischell Institute is to catalyze the discovery and translation of innovative technologies that are commercialized to improve human health.*

The semi-annual fellowship will provide up to \$5000 toward:

- Fees and travel expenses to present at scientific/engineering conferences
- Fees and travel expenses to attend relevant professional development workshops

IBBR and REFI have a strong commitment to contributing to a climate of inclusivity at the University and within the fields of science and engineering. Applicants who have experience incorporating diverse perspectives into their scholarship are encouraged to include that as part of their application.

### **Evaluation & Selection**

- CV

- Research statement that includes an overview of the applicant's current work, a description of the event(s) and how it will contribute/enhance the applicant's training and/or career goals  
*Research statements should be less than 1500 words in length. Research statement should fit the shared IBBR/REFI missions.*

- Annotated estimated budget for the funding (may request up to \$3000)  
Funds may be used for: registration, transportation costs (flights/train/car/etc.), hotel accommodations, and per diem for meals and incidentals

- Letter of support from applicant's faculty mentor (IBBR fellows and/or REFI researchers)

The candidate's application will be reviewed and evaluated for its alignment with the IBBR and REFI shared missions and potential to enhance the applicant's education.

**Applications for the IBBR/REFI Travel Fellowship are due October 15 and March 15 each year. Applications will be evaluated by the award committee and awarded within four weeks.**

Generally, four fellowships will be awarded during each cycle. An individual may receive the fellowship twice during their tenure with IBBR/REFI, but not in consecutive cycles.

#### **Award Distribution**

Half of the award will be made available immediately to be used toward up-front costs. The remaining award will be distributed upon return and submission of final receipts and write-up of conference experience (300-500 words). Recipients may be asked to present a 5-10 minute report at an IBBR-REFI event.

#### **[2021 IBBR/REFI Travel Fellowship Application](#)**

Contact [fischellinstitute@umd.edu](mailto:fischellinstitute@umd.edu) (ATTN: IBBR/REFI Travel Fellowship) with any questions.