

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2024 Keystone Symposia Fellows Program

Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology offers a unique, cutting-edge, life science Fellowship program for early-career scientists from underrepresented (UR) and other disadvantaged backgrounds who are engaged in independent biological or biomedical sciences research. **NEW THIS YEAR!** Given the success of the program in launching the careers of nearly 90 UR scientists who have become leaders in their fields and communities, we are extending the initiative to include a **new track for Postdoc KS Fellows**. Thus, we will now provide support for both early-career and postdoc researchers, as they face unique challenges at these pivotal career stages. These are key points of intervention and where we hope to have a positive impact.



"The Keystone Fellows program was a transformative experience that helped build a network of intentional mentors and colleagues as a support system. I gained the knowledge, insights, and relationships that will shape my academic journey for years to come."

Sonya Neal, PhD | University of California, San Diego | Fellows Class of 2023

To apply, visit KeystoneSymposia.org/diversity/fellows-program

Deadline: **October 20, 2023**

ABOUT KEYSTONE SYMPOSIA

Keystone Symposia is a premier, nonprofit, life science research and education organization that has been accelerating life science discovery through high-quality research conferences since 1972. Our conferences have a reputation for driving innovative and cross-disciplinary discussions, and are key venues where collaborations are formed, and career networks are built.



Fellows Quinton Smith and Erika Moore (Class of 2022) caught up with invited speaker and 2018 Fellow Samira Musah (left) at Keystone Symposia's conference on Organoids in February.

ABOUT THE FELLOWS PROGRAM

The **Fellows Program** aims to give postdocs and early-career scientists from UR backgrounds the support and skills they need to successfully pursue research careers and leadership and decision-making roles in academic, industry and government research sectors. This **one-year program** is designed around key programmatic elements to enhance confidence, leadership skills, networking opportunities, and visibility of Fellows within the biological and biomedical research community to optimize career advancement. Graduates of the Keystone Symposia Fellows Program become members of a unique cadre of scientists who are well-connected, knowledgeable members of the life sciences community and active proponents of inclusive practice in life science research.

"At the SAB, I had the opportunity to meet my Fellowship sponsor, Dr. Bei Zhang, as well as many other brilliant minds who offered priceless suggestions, comments, and advice. I feel grateful to be part of the extraordinary Keystone family!"

Esperanza Arias-Perez, PhD | Albert Einstein College of Medicine | Fellows Class of 2023



Fellows benefit from unique networking opportunities and engage in conversations at the forefront of biology with academic, industry and government thought-leaders from around the world. Fellows engage directly with eminent scientists from our Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) through a variety of formats including immersion in three SAB meetings, monthly "Fellows Friday" virtual meetings, and one-on-one mentorship tailored to the Fellow's career trajectory and professional goals. Fellows also receive travel award support to attend a future Keystone Symposia conference, and have access to the Fellows Alumni Network, a group of esteemed UR scientists representing a strong, supportive, and diverse life science community.



Fellows Class of 2023



"To me, what was most valuable was the opportunity to meet in person with renowned scientists from multiple disciplines. These 1-1 interactions significantly increased my confidence in my scientific/professional value and skills. Also, this program significantly enhanced my professional network."

Alexander Cartagena-Rivera, PhD | National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering/NIH | Fellows Class of 2022

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications for the 2024 Fellows Program are due **October 20, 2023**. Applicants will be notified of selection decisions in time to participate in our January 2024 Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) meeting in Colorado.



For more information, including eligibility criteria and a directory of Keystone Symposia Fellow Alumni, visit:

KeystoneSymposia.org/diversity/fellows-program

Questions? Please email DLSP@KeystoneSymposia.org

