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2027 ROBIN Young Scientists Exchange Program (ROBIN-YSEP)
Request for Applications

A key mission of the ROBIN Cross-Training Core (CTC) is to establish a scientific environment that is conducive to cross-pollination of ideas and the training of a future generation of scientists in Radiation and Immunity. To achieve this goal, the ROBIN-CTC seeks applications for the Young Scientists Exchange Program (YSEP). This mini-sabbatical program is intended to emphasize collaboration and scientific exchange while facilitating training on specific methodology or techniques to enhance education across disciplines.

DEADLINES

Release date: October 23, 2026
Application deadline: January 31, 2027
Notification: End of March 2027

AWARD MECHANISM

- Up to $3,000 for a period of 1 month
- Support scientific trainees sponsored by ROBIN principal investigator to acquire new scientific and/or clinical-translational knowledge within the ROBIN network
- Objectives: shadow and/or participate in hands-on training. YSEP scholars will share their newly acquired skills and knowledge with peers at their home institution

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants from European or US institutions
- PhD candidate, post-doc, resident, research and clinical fellow, research associate, instructor or junior faculty (<5 years since completing terminal training program) from a ROBIN center
- Applicant must be sponsored by a ROBIN principal investigator
- If applicable, applicants must ensure their eligibility by VISA requirements
- No obligation for the PIs from the host and home institution to collaborate on previous research project.

FUNDING

- Funds may be used only to cover living and travel expenses.
- Salary support is not allowed.
- Funding will be contingent on completing the appropriate onboarding process of the host ROBIN institution.

REQUIREMENTS/DELIVERABLES

If a “mini-sabbatical” is awarded, the YSEP scholar:

- must agree to shadow and/or participate in hands-on training at the host ROBIN institution
- must attend the host institution’s seminars
- will present their ROBIN-YSEP project at the ROBIN Annual Symposium.
- will share their newly acquired skills and knowledge with peers at their home institution.
- will complete the annual survey to provide feedback on how the exchange experience impacted their subsequent research skill.
- will provide up to a page summary of their experience 1 month after completion of the exchange.

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REVIEW CRITERIA

The ROBIN-YSEP trainees will be selected by a committee of CTC leaders and ad-hoc members chosen from the CTC teaching faculty across all ROBIN centers. Particular attention will be given to the justification of the candidate educational need and the feasibility of learning a cross-disciplinary skill in a month.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- One-page statement of educational goals and a brief description of how these goals will promote interdisciplinary and inter-institutional cross pollination within ROBIN centers. (Arial 10 font, margins 0.5 inch minimum).
- A written letter of support from the candidate's primary research supervisor/mentor at a ROBIN institution.
- A written letter of support from the host laboratory
- Application package must be submitted as a single e-mail attachment in PDF format to the CTC core leader Claire Vanpouille-Box (clv2002@med.cornell.edu), the ROBIN program manager from ImmunoRad-ROBIN Fabiana Gregucci (fgr4002@med.cornell.edu) and the ROBIN program manager from KIDSROBIN Charles Stiles (Charles_Stiles@dfci.harvard.edu) by January 31, 2027 11:59pm EST. The subject line of the email should read "***2027-ROBIN-YSEP Application***". Incomplete applications or those received after the deadline will not be considered.

EXPENDITURE GUIDELINES

Non-allowable expenditures:

- Salary support (applicants will seek support from their ROBIN center of origin to mitigate financial cost of participating to the program)
- Dues and membership fees in scientific societies
- Office furniture and supplies
- Tuition

Any expenses exceeding the total grant amount of $3,000 should be covered by the home laboratory.

POST-AWARD GUIDELINES

YSEP trainees should have completed all remote onboarding and training to maximize their ability to engage within the host lab from day one.