

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2025 Keystone Symposia Fellows Program

Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology offers a unique, cutting-edge, life science Fellowship program for postdoctoral and early-career scientists from underrepresented (UR) and other disadvantaged backgrounds who are engaged in independent biological or biomedical sciences research. Established in 2009, the Program has become a premier professional advancement opportunity for rising postdoc and early-career scientists, providing support tailored to meet the unique challenges at these pivotal career stages. The Keystone Symposia Fellows Community Network comprises 102 esteemed scientists, many of whom now hold leadership roles throughout academia, industry and government.



"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 21, 2024**

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 Keystone, CO, USA.

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 and capable members of the life sciences community, and active proponents of inclusive practice in life science research.

"It was great to see how leaders of the field discuss the latest science and how Keystone can impact the progress in different areas. Furthermore, it was great to be able to offer my input, be heard, and influence the programmatic focus of the keystone organization to better impact science and our communities."

David Soto-Pantoja, PhD | Wake Forest School of Medicine | Fellows Class of 2018

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 Community Network, a group of esteemed scientists representing a strong, supportive, and diverse life science community.



Fellows Class of 2024



SELECTION PROCESS

Applications for the *2025 Fellows Program* are due **October 21, 2024**. Applicants will be notified of selection decisions in time to participate in our January 2025 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

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