



VIEP

ATP-Bio Visiting Investigator Exchange Program

What is it?

The ATP-Bio Visiting Investigator Exchange Program (VIEP) provides travel sponsorship for short or long-term exchange experiences to encourage new engagement between non-ATP-Bio investigators and current ATP-Bio personnel and labs, as well as new collaborations within ATP-Bio. This program hopes to further foster new cryopreservation research teams and explore new skills and opportunities in order to make transformative discoveries, train a diverse workforce, and connect resources and partnerships to ethically translate technologies for the storage and distribution of living biological systems. The objectives of such exchanges may include collaboration, infrastructure investment, skill, tool, or technique cross-exchange, or education and outreach development as shown in some examples provided below.

Eligibility

- External non ATP-Bio investigators (faculty, research staff, or ATP-Bio industry partners) to visit ATP-Bio labs.
- ATP-Bio investigators (faculty or research staff) to visit non-ATP-Bio labs.
- ATP-Bio investigators (faculty or research staff) to visit other ATP-Bio labs (sabbaticals).
- A partnership with an HBCU is considered an ATP-Bio priority.
- A partnership with UC Riverside and TAMU, as HSIs is considered an ATP-Bio priority.

Examples of Visiting Investigator Exchanges	Objective
External non ATP-Bio investigators receive in-person ATP-Bio laboratory and skill-building training by ATP-Bio personnel	Skill development and education
External non ATP-Bio investigators conduct in-person laboratory and skill-building training for ATP-Bio faculty, research staff, postdocs, and graduate students at ATP-Bio laboratories	Skill development and education
Sabbatical program for skill building in cryobiology and collaborative exchanges	Skill development and education
ATP-Bio investigators (faculty or research staff) visit non ATP-Bio research groups to receive skill-building training	Skill development and education
Develop educational or outreach modalities including courses, curriculum, modules, textbook chapters, video libraries, and other accessible media with ATP-Bio personnel	Course and curricular impact



Investigators with the potential to bring to their research the perspective that comes from their educational background or understanding of the experiences of groups historically underrepresented in higher education.	Diversity of thought
ATP-Bio Industry partners, with a demonstrated financial need, work in ATP-Bio laboratories for collaborative exchanges.	Skill development, education, technology transfer

Funding

The VIEP program would sponsor domestic and international travel, and accommodations (up to \$4,000 per person) of the external investigator to ATP-Bio partner institutions and laboratories, or vice versa, of the ATP-Bio investigators to the external lab. Funds may not be requested for stipends or to support attending ATP-Bio events. This funding is not available to sponsor visiting investigators that have funding through other ATP-Bio or associated supplemental mechanisms (i.e. ATEP, Center to Center grants).

To the extent possible, travel and accommodation arrangements will be coordinated by ATP-Bio staff.

Application deadline

There are two application cycles per year. A completed application must be submitted online, as a single PDF, attached to the [ATP-Bio VIEP Application](#) form by midnight (23:59:59) Central Time (CT) on either May 15 or November 15. Proposals submitted in each cycle will be supported at the earliest 3 months after the application deadline.

Application and submission process

Apply online [ATP-Bio VIEP Application](#) and upload all the following documents as a single PDF (proposal, budget justification and supporting documents).

- Proposal (up to two pages)
Proposal stating the intended purpose and outcome of the Visiting Investigator Exchange. Please include a title and short paragraph (<200 words) summarizing the work to be done. The proposal should follow a realistic timeline, demonstrate an understanding of the task at hand, be clearly written, and include an explanation of how both the applicant and ATP-Bio will benefit from the exchange.
- Budget and budget justification:
 - Itemized budget and justification to include expenses to support the proposed request.
 - ATP-Bio funding maximal request limit is \$4,000 allocation but need not hit the upper award limit.
 - Demonstration of need.



- Supporting documents
 - NIH or NSF biosketch.
 - Letter of support from the ATP-Bio “host” collaborator or laboratory.

Expectations

- Deliverables
 - Following the exchange, please complete a short report of the experience in the form of a presentation or a visual featuring the exchange.
 - Other possible deliverables could include but are not limited to presenting the work at ATP-Bio webinars, Annual Meetings, and Site Visits.
- Reporting
 - All awardees are expected to complete an ATP-Bio Annual Report Survey as requested.
- MOA and Code of Conduct: I agree statement.

Award

Funding decisions are made by the appropriate ATP-Bio Pillar Leadership Team based on intellectual merit and the extent the exchange supports the ATP-Bio Strategic Plan.

Questions?

- VIEP Pre-Award Relevant Pillar Leadership Teams:
 - Research project: Catherine Heremans atp-bio-rschpgm@umn.edu
 - Engineering workforce development project: Seth Thompson atp-bio-pgmgr@umn.edu
 - Diversity and culture of inclusion project: Gina Ristani atp-bio-dcimgr@umn.edu
 - Innovation Ecosystems: Tim Tripp, atp-bio-spi@umn.edu
- VIEP Post-Award:
 - Alyssa Burger, Administrative Director, atp-bio-ad@umn.edu
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