

## Expanse Bio Professional Development Award

### *Empowering the Next Generation of Cryobiologists*

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ICYR, in partnership with Expanse Bio, is proud to announce the Expanse Bio Professional Development Award. A new funding opportunity designed to support the professional growth of early-career researchers in cryobiology.

#### **Award Purpose**

This award empowers early-career cryobiologists to participate in training programs, workshops, short courses, or other professional development activities that enhance their skills, broaden their networks, and strengthen their contributions to the field.

#### **Award Details**

- Funding Amount: \$500
- Eligible Expenses: Registration fees, travel costs, accommodation, and training materials
- Application Deadline: Rolling submissions (applications reviewed quarterly)
- Reporting Requirement: A 1-page report and at least one photo must be submitted within 2 months of completing the activity. These will be shared on ICYR/SfC communication platforms.

#### **Eligibility**

- Open to early-career cryobiologists, including undergraduates, graduate students, postdocs, lab technicians, and early-career faculty
- Applicants must be members of both ICYR and the Society for Cryobiology (SfC)
- Applicants from underrepresented regions and institutions are especially encouraged to apply

#### **Application Requirements**

Applicants must submit:

1. Completed application form
2. 1-page narrative describing your proposed professional development activity. Your description should clearly explain what the activity entails, its relevance to cryobiology, how it aligns with your professional development goals, the outcomes you hope to achieve, and should address or provide all of the information that will be evaluated in the rubric (a part of the application form).
3. Budget Justification (a part of the application form)
4. Curriculum Vita (CV)

5. (Optional but encouraged) A letter of support from a mentor, supervisor, or faculty member

### Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by a 4-member committee, including:

- 1 representative from Expanse Bio
- 2 members of ICYR leadership
- 1 external reviewer (e.g., from SfC or a partner organization such as ISBER or SLTB)

Final award decisions are subject to approval by ICYR leadership (President and Vice President).

### Evaluation Rubric (100 points total)

Category	Criteria	Points
Goals and Outcomes	Clear goals and anticipated outcomes; activity is well-aligned with professional development in cryobiology	15
Clarity and Focus	Proposal is concise, well-organized, and clearly describes the purpose and scope of the activity	15
Professional Growth	Strong potential to advance the applicant's career, build technical or soft skills, and expand cryo-related engagement	30
Stage of Career	Priority given to early-career applicants (undergraduate, graduate, postdoc, junior faculty); new entrants to cryobiology field	20
Budget Feasibility and Justification	Applicant's budget is realistic, detailed, and appropriate for the scope of the proposed activity.	20
Bonus (Optional)	Applicant outlines a clear plan to share outcomes with the community (e.g., presentation, blog post, webinar, etc.)	+ up to 5

### Submission

The award application form can be downloaded here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1->

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&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://forms.gle/TyUIOHV5YqJ9sbBVzlXlG9N4VtpiTyQ/edit?usp=sharing&oid=104649738405155100326&rtpof=true&sd=true)

Please submit your application and CV using this link:

<https://forms.gle/it3qG11CyMqDniHK7>

### **Questions?**

Email us at [icyr@societyforcryobiology.org](mailto:icyr@societyforcryobiology.org) with any questions about eligibility, application materials, or the review process.