

# Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology Assembly Early Career Professionals (ECP) Working Group Spring 2026 Newsletter



## Upcoming Grant Deadlines:

Foundation grants have become a critical pathway for ECPs.

Watch our recent webinar recording: [A Practical Guide to Foundation Grant Mechanisms](#) — for practical tips on navigating these opportunities.

Find below upcoming deadlines:

[CFF Clinical Pilot & Feasibility Award](#) (Fall cycle) — LOI due April 23, 2026 · Full application due August 17, 2026

[LAM Foundation Grants](#) (LAM & TSC research, up to \$180,000) — LOI due June 15, 2026 · Full proposal due September 15, 2026

[ALA Catalyst Award](#) (mentored early career, \$50,000/yr × 2 yrs) — New cycle opens August 2026

[ALA Dalsemer Award](#) (mentored early career, ILD-focused, \$50,000/yr × 2 yrs) — New cycle opens August 2026

[Parker B. Francis Fellowship](#) (pulmonary, critical care & sleep, \$225,000 / 3 yrs) — Institutional deadlines ~August 2026 · Sponsor deadline ~October 2026

## RCMB Webinar Recordings

Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to access recordings of prior RCMB ECP webinars!

**Science Communication in an Era of Skepticism:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MboOpCkshk4>

**Beyond the Bench: Building and Leading a High-Impact**

**Research Laboratory:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-ZkswWwF3U>

**Mastering the Specific Aims Page:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12tldRXF1Gk>

**A Practical Guide to Foundation Grant Mechanisms :**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DS9zZB3tFAC>

**Build Your Own Brand Using LinkedIn or Social Media:**

recording pending

## Upcoming RCMB ECP Webinars

**Navigating the Resubmission: A Mock Study Section: Resubmission** — April 9, 2 p.m. ET 2026 · [Register here](#)

**A Toolbox for COPD Research: Novel Techniques in Airway Biology, Immunology, Metabolism, and Spatial Profiling—**  
April 30<sup>th</sup> at 12pm · Stay tuned via our [LinkedIn group](#)

## Recent ECP Accomplishments

*Congratulations to the following RCMB early career professionals on their recent successes!*

We are proud to recognize this year's award recipients:

🏆 **REACh Award** — Scott Denstaedt and Alicia Rizzo

🏆 **Carol Bausbaum Award** — Tatiana Zyrianova

Alicia Rizzo

Tatiana Zyrianova

Scott Denstaedt



## 2026 Apprenticeship Program

Congratulations to this year's RCMB Apprentices!

- **Monica Liu**, University of Wisconsin-Madison — Program Committee
- **Aleksandra Babicheva**, University of Minnesota — Planning Committee
- **Xiaoyu Cai**, Loyola University Chicago — Web Committee

## RCMB ECP Meet-Up @ATS 2026

**ATS 2026 — Orlando, May 15–20**

**RCMB Early Career Professionals Working Group Meeting** — Sunday, May 17, 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM (invite only, location TBA)

**Reception for PhDs and Other Basic Science Researchers** — Sunday, May 17, 3:00–5:00 PM, Sunburst Room W340 & Terrace (Level III, OCCC West). Open to PhDs, basic scientists, postdocs, and early career professionals. Free appetizers and drinks! For details see ATS conference agenda.

**RCMB Assembly Meeting** — Monday, May 18, 5:00–7:00 PM, Orange County Convention Center, Level III West Concourse, W311E-H

## RCMB ECP Highlights Program

The **RCMB ECP Highlights** program showcases early career professionals through their work, networking, and collaboration opportunities. Nominate someone via [koc-guenel@med.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:koc-guenel@med.uni-frankfurt.de)

Join our **LinkedIn group** for the latest RCMB ECP news and activities: [linkedin.com/groups/15304008](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/15304008) Or scan the QR code below.



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