

Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology Assembly

Early Career Professionals (ECP) Working Group

Winter 2025 Newsletter



Upcoming RCMB ECP Webinars

Grant writing sessions

The Grant Writing Committee, co-led by Luis Rodríguez, PhD, and Jennifer Larson-Casey, PhD. Be on the lookout for our upcoming Grant Writer's Toolkit series in 2026.

- **Non-NIH and foundation grant mechanism**
 - January 22, 2026, at 3pm ET
- **Specific aims page**
 - February 12, 2026, at 2pm ET
- **Biosketch / other relevant docs**
 - March 5, 2026, at 2pm ET
- **Mock study section - resubmission**
 - April 9, 2026, at 2pm ET

Science Communication in an Era of Skepticism

Join Mary Rice, MD MPH (Pulmonologist and Director of Harvard Chan C-CHANGE), Santiago Gisler (Science Communication Researcher), and Jonathan Samet, MD MS (Dean of the Colorado School of Public Health and pulmonary physician-epidemiologist), as they share practical strategies for effectively communicating your research, building public trust, countering misinformation, and engaging with skeptical audiences—offering early career researchers evidence-based approaches to navigate today's challenging communication landscape.

Build your own brand using LinkedIn or Social media

Learn how to expand your research audience and build your professional brand online. Our experts will guide you through choosing your target audience, transforming your online presence into career momentum, and building meaningful connections that accelerate your leadership trajectory and career progress.

Recent ECP Accomplishments

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

K Awards

Abraham McCall, TN
(Vanderbilt University Medical Center)

Peter Moore, CO
(University of Colorado Denver)

Joseph Planer, PA
(University of Pennsylvania)

Thu Anh Duong, CA
(University of California, San Diego)

Gagandeep Kaur, NY
(University of Rochester)

R Awards

Tatsuya Tsukui, CA
(University of California)

Yohanes Mebratu, OH
(Ohio State University)

Jeremy Katzen, PA
(University of Pennsylvania)

Recent ECP Publications

Tatiana Zyrianova, PhD (UCLA), Scientific Reports:
"[Pharmacological activation of BK channels protects against LPS-induced pneumonia](#)"

Mereena G Ushakumary, PhD (PNNL), AJRCMB: "[Cell Population-resolved Multiomics Atlas of the Developing Lung](#)"

RCMB ECP Highlights Program

The ATS RCMB Assembly Early Career Highlights program aims to showcase early career professionals by promoting their work, encouraging networking, and creating opportunities for collaboration. Participants are selected on a rolling basis by the RCMB Early Career Professionals Working Group via nominations emailed to koc-guenel@med.uni-frankfurt.de.

Please join our LinkedIn page to receive the latest news and activities being organized by RCMB ECP Working group:
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/15304008>
Or scan the QR code below



RCMB Webinar Recordings

Check out our new [YouTube channel](#) to access recordings of prior RCMB webinars!

Upcoming ATS Deadlines

ATS Assembly Awards – December 31, 2025

Find more information and apply [here](#).

RCMB Recognition of Early Academic Achievement Award (REAAch) – December 31, 2025

Find more information and submit nominations [here](#).

ATS Apprenticeship Program – February 6, 2026

Find more information and apply [here](#).

ATS Mentoring Program – March 6, 2026

Apply as an RCMB Mentor or Mentee [here](#) starting January 5th 2026.



Want your announcement or accomplishment added to our upcoming newsletters?

Submit content to koc-guenel@med.uni-frankfurt.de

✂ Follow us on X [@ATS_RCMB](#) 🦋 Bluesky [@ats-rcmb.bsky.social](#)
🔗 [Learn more about the RCMB](#) 🗣 Meet the [RCMB ECP Working Group](#)