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

Early Career Opportunities

The ECP Working Group offers several ways to get involved with ATS, build professional connections, and advance your career. Apply today!

REAAch Award

The **R**ecognition of **E**arly **A**cademic **Ac**hievement Award honors promising early-stage investigators at the RCMB membership meeting. Awardees participate as panelists in a mini-symposium during the next ATS International Conference cycle and join a preferred apprentice-reviewer database for ATS journals.

- **Applications now open!**
- **Deadline**: December 1, 2026
- Chair: Ksenija Bernau, PhD (kbernau@medicine.wisc.edu)

Apprenticeship Program

Gain behind-the-scenes experience with the RCMB Program, Planning, or Web Committee. Apprentices attend meetings, contribute to and lead projects, and may be invited to become full voting members.

- **Applications now open!**
- **Deadline**: January 8, 2027
- Chair: Chao He, MD (chao.he@bcm.edu)

Teaching Competition

Have a knack for teaching? Receive mentoring and feedback on a topic of your choice before competing live at the ATS International Conference. Prizes are **$750 for first place** and **$250 for second place**.

- **Applications now open!**
- **Deadline**: January 29, 2027
- Chair: Joanna Tsai, MD (muchun.tsai@osumc.edu)

Mentoring Program

Trainees and junior faculty are paired with experienced ATS members based on shared backgrounds, goals and interests. Participants gain career guidance, future collaborations, and lasting professional connections

- **Applications open: January 4, 2027**
- **Deadline**: March 5, 2027
- Chair: Obada Shamaa, MD PhD (obada.shamaa@uchicagomedicine.org)

ECP Kudos

Congratulations to these recent RCMB awardees!

K Series Awards

Marlene Cano MD, PhD (Washington University St. Louis)

Genta Ishikawa MD, MPH (Yale University)

Anjali Jacob, MD, PhD (UCSF)

Jason Park MD, PhD (Vanderbilt)

Noa Simchoni MD, PhD (UCSF)

Chris Ting, MD (University of Michigan)

R Series Awards

Colin Evans, PhD (Medical University of South Carolina)

Beth Middleton, MD (University of Utah)

RCMB ECP Highlights Program

The RCMB ECP Highlights program show cases early career professionals through their work, encouraging networking, and creating opportunities for collaboration. Participants are selected on a rolling basis. Submit your nominations (self-nominations accepted) to Sinem Koc-Guenel, PhD (koc-guenel@med.uni-Frankfurt.de)

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ATS Calendar

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