



## 2024 Translational Mechanisms of Behavior Change Satellite Awards Announcement

This announcement invites applicants to the 18th Mechanisms of Behavior Change (MOBC) Satellite Meeting at the Research Society on Alcohol (RSA). The meeting will be held on June 22, 2024 in Minneapolis Minnesota. The MOBC meeting is a collaboration between extramural researchers and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (U13AA028964). Our most recent conference grant focuses on the Intersection of MOBC Science and Dissemination and Implementation (D&I) Science.

MOBC Science is a specific area of clinical science that focuses on the processes through which individuals change addictive behaviors, both within and outside of behavioral or pharmacological treatment. D&I Science is concerned with the communication of research findings to the public or other targeted audiences (i.e., dissemination) as well as the application of scientific findings and science-based innovations in community-based settings (i.e., implementation). For D&I Science, the goal is to produce knowledge about processes of individual- (e.g., providers) or system- (e.g., agencies) level change. Translational MOBC is focused on the intersections of the two, which can take on many forms such as the dissemination or implementation of mechanistic findings or the study of mechanisms of implementation outcomes.

Thanks to funding support from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the Translational MOBC Satellite Committee is pleased to announce award opportunities designed to support graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and early career researchers who are committed to the study of MOBC, D&I, or ideally, both. These awards will provide \$800 in travel support for awardees to attend the Translational MOBC Meeting.

Applications for the awards will be accepted from students and early career investigators (i.e., meet criteria for early-stage investigator; <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-stage/index.htm>). Applicants should submit a 500-1000-word statement describing their interests and achievements in studying D&I, MOBC, and/or their intersection and a copy of their Curriculum Vitae. Please submit this application via our website at <https://translationalmobic.org/apply-travel-award> **Applications are due Monday April 15, 2024. Awardees will be notified by May 6, 2024.**

**Travel Awards** – We anticipate providing 15 travel awards to outstanding students and/or early career investigators (i.e., early-stage investigator) who express interest in and/or commitment to D&I, MOBC, and/or their intersection. All postdoctoral and early career Travel Award applicants will be considered for the Early Career Investigator Award. **The committee is particularly interested in applicants who may be new to the MOBC or D&I fields, or present other diverse perspectives informed by their academic discipline, ethnic or racial background, or other life experiences.**

**Early Career Investigator Award** – We anticipate making 1 award to an outstanding early career investigator (i.e., early-stage investigator) who has demonstrated a commitment to the study of D&I, MOBC, and/or their intersection and who has not previously received the MOBC Early Career Investigator Award. The awardee will receive travel support to attend the meeting, and will be invited to give an Early Career Talk at the Translational MOBC Meeting the following year.