



Fogarty Career Development Programs

The Fogarty International Center is dedicated to advancing the mission of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by supporting and facilitating global health research conducted by U.S. and international investigators. As part of its mission, Fogarty invests in research training for U.S. and low- and middle-income country (LMIC) scientists who serve on the front lines of the fight against diseases that threaten populations around the world and in the United States.

African Postdoctoral Training Initiative (APTI)

APTI, a postdoctoral training program for African citizens, is implemented by the African Academy of Sciences in partnership with NIH and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Fellows are trained and supported to become scientific leaders who can advocate for increased research and innovation projects in Africa. Fellows begin the four-year program at an NIH intramural research laboratory where they train for two years before returning to their home institutions in Africa for another two years of research.

Project Types & Mechanisms

Fellows focus on innovation aimed at the discovery and translation of solutions to global health problems that are priorities for their home institutions and countries. Specific areas of interest include human immunobiology; drug discovery; microbiome research; genomics; gene-based cures for HIV and sickle cell disease; women's sexual and reproductive health; vector biology and control; maternal, neonatal and child health; data science; and epidemic preparedness.

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Emerging Global Leader Award for LMIC scientists

The Emerging Global Leader Award aims to provide research support and protected time to individual research scientists from LMICs who hold academic junior faculty positions or research scientist appointments at LMIC academic or research institutions.

Project Types & Mechanisms

The program invites applications from LMIC research scientists working within any health-related discipline who proposes critically needed career development activities plus a research project that is highly relevant to the health priorities of their country. The award requires a minimum of 75% effort (or a minimum of 30 hours per week time) commitment. Applicants are required to have two primary mentors (one at the LMIC applicant institution and one at the collaborating U.S. institution), though additional mentors may be included.

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Fogarty-IeDEA Mentorship Program (FIMP)

FIMP helps current and former Fogarty trainees and regional investigators affiliated with the International Epidemiology Databases to Evaluate AIDS (IeDEA). IeDEA is an international research consortium, established in 2006 by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. IeDEA houses data on more than two million adults and 200,000 children and teens living with HIV.

Project Types & Mechanisms

Six IeDEA regions (within LMICs) have created training opportunities under this program. Each region offers two 24-month mentee slots to current and recent Fogarty D43 trainees and IeDEA-affiliated regional investigators. Trainees develop skills in study design, data management, analysis, interpretation, and dissemination of research involving large HIV clinical databases generated within IeDEA.

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Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowships in Public Health

Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowships in Public Health are offered through a partnership between the Fulbright Program and Fogarty. These awards aim to promote the expansion of research in public health and clinical research in resource-limited settings.

Project Types & Mechanisms

Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowships are designed for candidates currently enrolled in medical school or in a graduate-level program who have a strong interest in global health. The application process and requirements are the same as for any Fulbright U.S. Student Study/Research Grant. Fogarty provides support to the research training site and may also provide orientation for fellows at NIH.

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International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) for US scientists

IRSDA provides support and protected time (three to five years) for an intensive, mentored research career development experience in an LMIC.

Project Types & Mechanisms

Fogarty invites applications from early career investigators who are at least two years beyond conferral of doctoral degree—advanced postdoctoral U.S. research scientists and recently-appointed U.S. junior faculty—in any health-related discipline. Successful applicants will propose career development activities and a research project related to the health priorities of the LMIC.

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Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Fellowship Opportunities

The JSPS program provides postdoctoral extramural fellowships that allow U.S. and permanent resident scientists to conduct cooperative research under host researchers in Japan. Similar intramural fellowships allow Japanese biomedical and behavioral scientists to conduct research at NIH.

Project Types & Mechanisms

NIH acts as a nominating authority for this fellowship funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. Extramural fellowships are restricted to U.S. citizen and permanent resident researchers. Intramural fellowships are restricted to researchers who are (or have a commitment to be) funded by NIH to conduct research at an NIH Institute.

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Korean Biomedical Scientist Fellowship Program (KBSFP)

KBSFP offers fellowship awards to support biomedical and behavioral research projects with potential commercialization by early-stage Korean postdoctoral researchers at NIH laboratories. The program is supported by the Korean Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology of the Korea Ministry of Science and ICT in cooperation with NIH.

Project Types & Mechanisms

Applicants must be Korean citizens who have received their doctoral degree from a university in the Republic of Korea and, upon arriving at NIH, have obtained a doctoral degree within the previous five years.

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Korean Visiting Scientist Training Award (KVSTA)

KVSTA is supported by the Korea Health Industry Development Institute of the Korea Ministry of Health and Welfare in cooperation with NIH and offers fellowship awards to support biomedical and behavioral research projects in NIH laboratories by Korean early-stage postdoctoral researchers.

Project Types & Mechanisms

Applicants must be citizens of Korea who have obtained a doctoral degree, equivalent to a Ph.D., within the previous five years and also have at least one degree received in Korea. Applicants must also meet eligibility requirements for NIH's Intramural Visiting Fellow Program.

Research projects may support all fields of biomedical and behavioral research at NIH, including (but not limited to) cancer, brain and neurological disease, cardiovascular, metabolic, allergy and chronic respiratory disease, reproductive and perinatal disease, precision medicine, etc.

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Launching Future Leaders in Global Health (LAUNCH) Research Training Program

LAUNCH supports predoctoral, postdoctoral and pre-professional trainees from the U.S. and LMICs. Grantees receive one year of mentored global health research training at established biomedical and health research institutions and project sites in LMICs. The program operates through seven U.S. university consortia, which help provide supportive mentorship, research opportunities, and a collaborative research training environment for trainees.

Project Types & Mechanisms

LAUNCH furnishes a solid scientific foundation to trainees so that they can rigorously develop and conduct research and effectively communicate their findings with increasing independence. Concurrently, the program aims to deliver more equitable access to diverse U.S. populations. Trainees are mentored by established researchers from both the U.S. and abroad. Generally, the program supports research that will lead to findings and lessons with global application.

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