Growing the Leaders of Tomorrow Fellowship Programme (2017)

Instructions for the Submission of the Application

Letters of Intent must be submitted no later than 15 March 2017, 18:00 CET.

1. Please read the Call for Applications and FAQs carefully. Only applications that fully adhere to the requirements set out in the Call for Applications will be considered to be eligible.
2. You must complete the following electronic Application form. As you complete it, you will be able to save your modifications and go back to the updated version of your form later in time. When you are finished, save the form and press the Submit button on the last page.
3. Applications can only be submitted electronically, in the format provided. Applications not submitted through the online system will not be accepted.
4. Only applications in English will be accepted.
5. Please have a copy of a) mentor's curriculum vitae; b) fellow's latest degree(s) (PhD, MD, MBBS or equivalent); c) fellow's passport; and d) host institution support letter ready to upload.
6. Please make sure you have the flash plugin properly installed and active. Click here to verify the installation. Please use this link to access the Flash download page.

Short-listed candidates will be notified in April 2017 and will be invited to attend a mandatory skill strengthening and networking workshop.

☐ **I have read and understand the application requirements (in lieu of Applicant's Signature)***

Submit

Please note that this section will assess your eligibility to submit an application for the Growing the Leaders of Tomorrow Fellowship Programme. Please have a copy of the mentor's curriculum vitae, the fellow's latest degree(s) and the fellow's passport ready to upload. Please note that once you click SAVE and move forward, you will not be able to come back to this page and change the details you entered.

Eligibility criteria

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Email address (preferred)*
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1. Is the mentor an Associate or Full Professor or Chief/Principal Research Officer with an established position at a research institute in sub-Saharan Africa?*
☐ Yes
☐ No

Please upload the mentor's curriculum vitae

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2. Is the mentor the principal investigator of the proposed research project that the fellow will be contributing to?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3. Is there funding available to support the direct costs of the proposed research?
☐ Yes
☐ No

4. Is the fellow a junior investigator with a doctoral degree (PhD) or a doctor of medicine degree (e.g. MD, MBBS, or equivalent) obtained after 15 March 2007?*
☐ Yes
☐ No

Please upload a copy of the fellow's degree(s).

[Select file]

5. The fellow holds a passport from a sub-Saharan country.*
☐ Yes
☐ No

Please upload a copy of the fellow's passport

Select file

6. Please select the criteria that would apply to the fellow prior to the submission deadline for the application, and extend throughout the grant period: *

☐ The fellow is a clinical/research trainee (e.g. research or clinical fellow, senior medical resident/Registrar) at a sub-Saharan Africa academic institute or a sub-Saharan Africa institute whose primary mission is research.

☐ The fellow has a faculty or comparable position (e.g. assistant professor, lecturer, research officer) at a sub-Saharan Africa academic institute or a sub-Saharan Africa institute whose primary mission is research.

☐ The fellow is working at a sub-Saharan Africa organization with adequate research infrastructure to undertake the proposed research activities.

☐ None of the above.

7. Which identified research gaps does your research project address? *

☐ Pharmacokinetic, pharmacodynamic and pharmacogenomics studies of paediatric antiretrovirals and of drugs for co-morbid conditions (particularly for TB, and malnutrition), with a focus on pre-term infants and neonates.

☐ Studies to evaluate the short- and long-term complications of HIV and of antiretroviral therapy and the pathogenesis of such complications, as well as management of HIV, including interventions to treat HIV co-infections (especially TB) and co-morbidities (including malnutrition), as HIV-infected children age through adolescence and young adulthood.

☐ Studies to evaluate pharmacokinetics and safety of newer ARV drugs in pregnant women and in breast milk, and the effect of antiretroviral therapy during pregnancy on maternal pregnancy complications, pregnancy outcomes (e.g., prematurity, low birth weight) and neonatal outcomes (morbidity and mortality) in HIV- and antiretroviral-exposed uninfected and HIV-infected neonates, including studies to evaluate potential pathogenesis of adverse effects.

☐ Studies to evaluate the long-term effects of in utero exposure to maternal antiretroviral therapy in HIV-exposed uninfected children and adolescents, including effects on metabolism, bone mineral density and growth, other laboratory/biologic markers, and physical and cognitive development.

☐ Studies evaluating and/or validating diagnostic assays to assess neurocognitive and physical development among HIV-infected and HIV-exposed uninfected infants, children, and adolescents in resource-limited settings.

☐ Other.

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Section I

Fellow's information

First/Given name*
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Last/Family name*
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Date of birth (month, day, year)*

Gender*

Passport number*

Date of issue (month, day, year)*

Nationality*
As it appears in your passport

Email address (preferred)*
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Email address (alternative)*
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Telephone number*
Start with a "+" and country code, i.e. +1 234 567 890

Permanent mailing address*
This address will be used for all courier deliveries.

Fellow's Education and Training History

Education: Please list all post-secondary education and/or training in which a diploma or degree has been or/and will be obtained, beginning with the most recent.

1.   **Name and location of institution***

      Major field(s) of study*

      Starting date (month and year)*

      Name of diploma or degree*

Date received (month and year)*
If not yet received, please indicate the approximate date of completion

Title(s) of theses/dissertations (if any)

2.   Name and location of institution

     Major field(s) of study

     Starting date (month and year)

     Name of diploma or degree

     Date received (month and year)
     If not yet received, please indicate the approximate date of completion

     Title(s) of theses/dissertations (if any)

3.   Name and location of institution

     Major field(s) of study

     Starting date (month and year)

     Name of diploma or degree

     Date received (month and year)
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     Title(s) of theses/dissertations (if any)

4.   Name and location of institution

     Major field(s) of study

     Starting date (month and year)

     Name of diploma or degree

     Date received (month and year)
     If not yet received, please indicate the approximate date of completion

     Title(s) of theses/dissertations (if any)

Additional training: Please list any relevant training completed, beginning with the most recent.

1.   Activity

     Field

     Institution

Beginning date (month and year)

Ending date (month and year)

2.   Activity

Field

Institution

Beginning date (month and year)

Ending date (month and year)

3.   Activity

Field

Institution

Beginning date (month and year)

Ending date (month and year)

4.   Activity

Field

Institution

Beginning date (month and year)

Ending date (month and year)

List your most significant publications in peer-reviewed journals
(maximum 100 words)

List your most significant honours, awards and other relevant accomplishment
(maximum 100 words)

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Section II

Fellow's Current Position

Position title*

Date employment began (month, year)*

Name of institution*

Department, service, laboratory, or equivalent*

Institution mailing address*

Country where institution is located*

Institution type*
Select one from list provided

Describe your current job responsibilities*
(maximum 100 words)

Fellow's Past Positions

Employment history: Please list your four most recent employers.

1. Institution name

    Job title

    Beginning date (month and year)

    Ending date (month and year)

2. Institution name

    Job title

    Beginning date (month and year)

    Ending date (month and year)

3. Institution name

    Job title

Beginning date (month and year)

Ending date (month and year)

4. Institution name

Job title

Beginning date (month and year)

Ending date (month and year)

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Section III

Mentor's Information

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Last/Family name*
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Date of birth (month, day, year)*

Gender*

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Institution name*

Department, service, laboratory, or equivalent*

Institution mailing address*

Country where institution is located*

Institution type*
Select one from list provided

Mentor's Qualifications

List your most relevant publications in paediatric HIV clinical research in peer-reviewed journals*
(maximum 500 words)

List the total number of pre- and post-doctoral fellows you have trained*
(maximum 100 words)

List the current employing organizations and position titles for five of these fellows*
(maximum 100 words)

List your most significant honours, awards and other relevant accomplishment*
(maximum 500 words)

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Section IV

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Research Proposal

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Project title*
(maximum 50 words)

Research topic*
(taken from selected topic in the first page)

Please provide a summary of your research project*
(maximum 300 words)

Specific aims*
(maximum 500 words)

Background and significance*
(maximum 1,000 words)

Research design and methods*
(maximum 1,000 words)

Upload figures and graphs here*
(be sure to number and title all figures and graphs and clearly indicate their placement in the text)

Select file

Collaboration with other institutions (if any)
(maximum 500 words)

Sex and gender considerations: Describe how sex and gender considerations are considered in your research design. If these conditions are not included provide a rational for this decision*
(maximum 300 words)

Expected outcomes*
(maximum 500 words)

Does the research involve use of Human Subject?*
☐ Yes
☐ No

If "yes"
Is there an Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval?*
☐ Yes
☐ No

If "yes"
Date of Approval*
Upload Approval*

Select file

If "no"
Choose one option from drop down menu

Primary performance site of the proposed research project*

Institution/Organization Name*

Address*

Country*

Secondary site of the proposed research project

Institution/Organization Name

Address

Country

Literature Citations (maximum 600 words)*

Letter(s) of support
*Please upload the letter(s) of support from the mentor's and fellow's institutions (unless the institution is the same) indicating their commitment to support the proposed project**

Select file

Budget

Budget period 1*   **start date**
                       end date
(first year must start by 1 November 2017 and is limited to 12 months)

Budget period 2   **start date**
                       end date
(second year as of starting date of project and limited to 12 months)

Funds requested for total period*
Cost in US$ (a maximum of US$ 35,000 per year, for a maximum of two years can be requested)

Budget justification (e.g. fellow stipend, travel, indirect costs)*
(maximum 500 words)

Please download the Budget Form and save it to your computer. When you have finished filling it out, save it, and upload it here*

Select file

☐ **The mentor and the fellow understand that the award of up to US$ 35,000 per year, for up to two years, will be made available to the mentor's host institution, which will provide the stipend to the fellow in accordance with the institution's salary scale policy and equivalent national norms.***

☐ **The mentor and the fellow understand that the fellowship funds are not intended to cover direct research expenses, which will be provided for by the host institute or paid through additional grants.***

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Section V

Mentor's Statement and Mentorship Plan

Describe the mentorship plan for the fellow and include information that will help reviewers to evaluate the fellow and the proposed research project.

1. **Please detail the research support that will be available to the fellow during the fellowship. Include the number of other pre- and post-doctoral fellows/trainees that will be supervised during the fellowship period***
   (maximum 50 words)

2. **Please provide information about seminars and other opportunities for interaction with other groups and scientists***
   (maximum 150 words)

3. **Please describe the administrative support (e.g., office space, equipment, training) that will be available to the applicant during the fellowship***
   (maximum 200 words)

4. **Please assess the applicant's qualifications and potential to conduct the proposed research***
   (maximum 200 words)

5. **Please describe the skills and techniques that the applicant will learn during the fellowship***
   (maximum 200 words)

6. **Please describe the potential impact of the fellowship on the applicant's career goals, the support the applicant will be receiving to place him/her in a stronger position to apply for subsequent intermediate level fellowship grants, and the capacity building in the applicant's home country***
   (maximum 200 words)

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Submission

Ethical research declaration

We (mentor/fellow), the undersigned, confirm that the research presented in this application will be conducted (a) in accordance with all laws and regulations with respect to the use of human subjects in biomedical research in all countries where the research is carried out and the countries of all institutions involved in the research project; and (b) in accordance with the protocol approved by the institutional or local ethics committee. We attest that the research will be conducted in accordance with the principles of the [Declaration of Helsinki](). The grant administrator may contact us to inquire further about ethical aspects of this proposal.

☐ **We accept (in lieu of applicant's signature)***

Signature of Acceptance and Certification

We (mentor/fellow), the undersigned, certify that: (a) the information herein is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. We are aware that any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement may subject us to criminal, civil or administrative penalties.

☐ **We accept the applications requirements (in lieu of Applicants' signature)***

Preview

Click this link to preview your application.

Submit