



Growing the Leaders of Tomorrow Fellowship Programme

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

What is the Growing the Leaders of Tomorrow Fellowship Programme?

The Growing the Leaders of Tomorrow Fellowship Programme is a mentored, 2-year research training fellowship designed to enable outstanding sub-Saharan African early career researchers with a doctoral degree or a doctor of medicine degree to strengthen their research skills, to learn new research techniques and to further deepen expertise in paediatric HIV. As a main outcome, the fellow is expected to apply for at least one intermediate fellowship or equivalent career development award by the end of the two-year fellowship.

Which areas of research are covered by the Growing the Leaders of Tomorrow Fellowship Programme?

The research project should demonstrate the potential to contribute to the optimization of HIV diagnosis, prevention, treatment and care for infants, children and adolescents affected by HIV in sub-Saharan African countries by responding to identified clinical research gaps. The list of gaps can be found [here](#).

I obtained my MD, PhD, or MBBS over 10 years ago, but have had research training within the last 10 years. Am I eligible?

No, to be eligible, applicants must be junior investigators who have obtained their MD, PhD or MBBS within the last 10 years (after 15 March 2007) and have less than five years of relevant research experience.

I obtained my MD or PhD over 10 years ago, but obtained an MA or MPH within the last 10 years. Am I eligible?

No, the time limits is still applicable.

What does the fellowship include?

Award: The award of up to US\$ 70,000 in total includes stipend, indirect costs and travel expenses to present the research concerned at a scientific conference. The award will be made available to the mentor's host institution. Indirect costs are limited to 10% of the total amount requested.

Ceremony: Fellowships will be awarded at the 9th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2017), to be held in Paris, France on 23-26 July 2017. Fellows will attend the conference and the awards ceremony, as well as other activities. Fellows will also attend the 22nd International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam. Travel, accommodation and registration expenses for both these events will be provided for by CIPHER.

What are the main fellowship terms and conditions?

Duration: Fellowships must be served continuously for the duration of the award. The fellowships must be started between July and November 2017.

Reporting: Fellows and mentors must provide progress reports every six months during the fellowship period and a final fellowship report, including an expenses report, to the IAS based on a template that they will receive.

Terms: All fellows must apply for at least one intermediate fellowship or equivalent career development award by the end of their two-year fellowship. Fellows must attend IAS 2017 and the awards ceremony, as well as other capacity-building activities. Fellows must also attend the 22nd International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam. Travel, accommodations and registration expenses for these events will be provided for by CIPHER.

I would like to propose a small study, which would only take a few months to complete. Is this possible?

No, this programme is a mentored, 2-year research training designed to enable outstanding sub-Saharan African early career researchers to strengthen their skills.

I do not hold a passport from a country in sub-Saharan Africa, but I am working in an institution based in a sub-Saharan Africa country. Can I apply?

No, this programme is specifically for fellows who hold a passport from a sub-Saharan African country. Please note that fellows will be requested to upload a copy of their passport.