



# Mark Wainberg Fellowship Programme: Experts in HIV service delivery

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### What is the Mark Wainberg Fellowship Programme?

The Mark Wainberg Fellowship Programme, an initiative of the [IAS Educational Fund](#), is a mentored two-year training fellowship for clinicians committed to careers in HIV clinical service delivery in sub-Saharan Africa with the aim of strengthening access to high-quality services for sub-Saharan Africa populations, with a client-centered service delivery approach. The fellows will spend one year in Europe and one year in Africa at clinical institutions.

### What are the outcomes of the programme?

By successfully completing the comprehensive fellowship programme, the fellows will be trained as specialists in HIV and AIDS. The programme will provide:

- Exposure to different management and care systems
- Management of HIV and non-communicable diseases in different settings
- Understanding of trials, cohorts and case studies and published audit reports
- Guidance on how to apply for a research grant
- Guidance on writing up research, audit, case reports and how to get published
- Presentation of original research
- Knowledge of the global health epidemic, economic impact and major drivers of HIV funding
- Contact and collaboration with NGO and patient advocacy groups
- Understanding of novel vaccine and cure research
- Distinction between key population groups and their needs.

An essential outcome of the fellowship programme is diploma status in HIV.

### I have less than two years clinical experience. Can I be considered for the programme?

No, to be eligible, applicants must have a minimum of two years clinical experience.

### I am not currently working in sub-Saharan Africa, but I have an interest to work in sub-Saharan Africa in the future. Am I eligible?

No, to be eligible, applicants must currently be working in sub-Saharan Africa and their current institution must support their application and agree for them to return upon completion of the programme.

### What does the fellowship include?

Programme costs: The fellowship award includes travel to each host institution, tuition fees for each programme year, accommodation costs and living expenses.

Conference attendance: The fellows will participate in an initiation workshop and capacity development programme at the 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018) in

Amsterdam, 23-27 July 2018. Fellows will attend the conference and the initiation workshop, as well as other activities. Fellows will also attend the 10th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2019). Travel, accommodation, registration and per diem expenses for both these events will be provided for by the fellowship programme.

**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 in Q3 2018, in line with the semester dates of the host institutions.

Reporting: Fellows and mentors must provide progress reports every six months during the fellowship period and a final fellowship report to the IAS based on a template that they will receive. Fellows must also complete a logbook on a continuous basis to monitor progress and identify opportunities for further development with their mentor.

Terms: All fellows must sit a diploma exam in HIV upon completion of the final semester at the host institutions. Fellows must attend the AIDS 2018 conference and the initiation workshop, as well as other capacity-building activities. Fellows must also attend the IAS 2019 conference. Travel, accommodation, registration and per diem expenses for these events will be provided for by the fellowship programme. The fellow must have agreement from their current institution to return upon completion of the current programme.