

IARC POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR TRAINING IN CANCER RESEARCH

Further information for applicants

1. ELIGIBILITY

The IARC fellowships are intended for early career scientists wishing to complete their training in those aspects of cancer research related to the Agency's mission. Disciplines covered are: epidemiology (all disciplines included), biostatistics, bioinformatics, and areas related to, mechanisms of carcinogenesis including molecular and cell biology, molecular genetics, epigenetics, and molecular pathology. Interdisciplinary projects are encouraged. Fellowships are tenable at IARC in Lyon, France working in a research Group. **Applicants are eligible from any country.** IARC is particularly keen to promote the development of expertise in cancer research in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) by training postdoctoral researchers from these countries who can return to apply their new skills and expertise. **Therefore, applications from candidates from low- and middle-income countries or from any part of the world but with projects related to low- and middle-income countries are encouraged.**

Candidates are required to have obtained their doctoral degree in the five years preceding the closing date for applications. Candidates in the final year of their PhD studies are eligible to apply but must have been awarded their degree by the time of starting their Fellowship (30 November of the Selection year at the latest). The working languages at IARC are English and French. Candidates must be proficient in English at a level sufficient for scientific communication.

Candidates attached to commercial entities or who have an association with the tobacco industry are not eligible.

Candidates currently working as IARC-funded postdoctoral scientists, or candidates who have worked at the Agency as a postdoc for a period greater than six months, cannot be considered.

2. APPLICATIONS

Applications should be made on-line via the Agency's web site: <http://www.iarc.fr>. More information can be obtained from the Fellowship Programme, International Agency for Research on Cancer, 150, cours Albert-Thomas, 69372 Lyon Cedex 08, France (tel.: 33 472 73 84 48, fax: 33 472 73 80 80; e-mail: fel@iarc.fr). The closing date for receipt of applications will be 30 November.

3. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

The selection of candidates is made by a Selection Committee composed of scientists of international reputation in the field of cancer research who are not members of the IARC staff, together with scientists working in the IARC. Eligibility of candidates is checked. Applications from technically eligible candidates are assessed through a 2-step process: (1) review and ranking of all applications; (2) interview and scientific review of the candidates in the top of the ranking (corresponding to 2-2.5 x the number of fellowships to be funded), by two different external members of the Selection Committee, usually during February or March.

The Selection Committee meets at the Agency in March/April and reviews and ranks all applications that were retained for interview and for which all required references have been received. Provided that applications reach the required high standard, the number of awards is determined by the available funds.

Successful applicants will be notified by mid-April and will be sent in detail all the conditions of the fellowship and the amount of their stipend and allowances.

4. TENURE

The fellowships are tenable in any research Group at the Agency in Lyon, France. They are awarded for a period of two years, the second year being subject to satisfactory appraisal. Fellowships must be taken up by **30 November** of the year of award. Applicants are required to contact the host Group of their choice at IARC **before applying** in order to interact closely to establish a proposed programme of mutual interest. Contact with the Group Heads can be made through the Agency's web site (research conducted by different IARC Groups can be viewed here: <http://www.iarc.fr/en/research-groups/index.php>).

5. REPORTS

Fellows are required to submit a report to the IARC at the end of their fellowship. The supervisor is also asked to submit a confidential report on the fellowship.

6. STIPENDS

The annual stipend is currently 33,000 Euros and will be paid monthly in advance. Stipends are not considered as a substitute for any salary paid to a Fellow at home.

7. RETURN GRANT

A small grant to start up an independent research programme linked to IARC's activities upon return to the home country may be provided on a competitive basis to selected IARC postdoctoral fellows from low- and middle-income countries upon successful completion of the training period at IARC. The Fellow will submit a project to the Fellowship Committee for consideration at the Committee meeting preceding their departure. The amount and duration of the grant will be decided on a case-by-case basis. The grant may not be used to pay the returning Fellow's salary.

8. TRAVEL ALLOWANCES & HEALTH INSURANCE

Travel allowance up to a maximum of a tourist (economy class) return fare will be provided for the Fellow. Normally air and/or rail tickets will be provided by IARC. Fellows will be responsible for meeting passport, visa, immigration and vaccination requirements. The IARC can assist only to the extent of providing letters as evidence of appointment and financial support. The cost of health insurance cover for the Fellow and agreed accompanying dependants will also be reimbursed up to the ceiling rates applied by IARC.

9. DEPENDANTS' ALLOWANCES

The IARC may provide travel for one dependant who accompanies the Fellow for a period of at least 8 months, under the same conditions as those for the Fellow, or reimburse travel for the Fellow and dependants accompanying for at least 8 months, up to a maximum of 2 full economy class adult return air fares; family allowances are paid: for a dependent spouse 310 Euros and for each dependent child 350 Euros annually.

Any matters of detail not expressly provided for above will be dealt with, as appropriate, in accordance with the fellowship regulations and travel rules of the IARC.

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