



INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER

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Application for a POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH TRAINING FELLOWSHIP

Instructions to complete the form

Please complete electronically in English. Answer each question. All relevant information should be included on this form but, if necessary, you may attach additional documents.

Candidates must have the ability to read and write English at a level sufficient for scientific communication. If your mother tongue is neither French nor English you may want to submit proof of language proficiency with your application in section 13 (for example, TOEFL).

The application form consists of 20 sections organised in 8 pages.

Sections 1-9 are straightforward - fill them in as accurately as possible.

Appendix F - "MEDICAL REPORT"

Candidates may wait until they have been notified of the award before completing the medical examination.

Section 10 - "PREVIOUS RESEARCH EXPERIENCE"

A brief summary of your prior research activities should be given here explaining what you did, why you did it and what results you achieved. It is not considered sufficient just to give the references of papers published.

Section 11 - "SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS"

If you have any scientific publications, be sure to list them correctly. Indicate the total number of publications you have published in English and/or in other languages, as well as the number of publications as first author (any language). You may attach your last two papers if you wish. This is optional. If you have not yet published any scientific papers, say so in this section. It does not invalidate your application in any way.

Section 12 - "PRESENT RESEARCH INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES"

The Fellowships Selection Committee places great importance on the presentation of your research work in this section. You should say clearly what the aims of your research are, what techniques are being used and what results, if any, have been obtained so far. Please note that two or three sentences would not normally be considered sufficient.

Section 13 - "PROPOSED PROGRAMME DURING THE FELLOWSHIP"

This section is of key importance in the Selection Committee's evaluation of your application. You should write to the supervising scientist mentioned in Section 15, in order to interact closely to establish a detailed proposed programme that is related to your present research interests, to the research programme of the Group at IARC to which you are proposing to go and the future research that you hope to do. To allow an evaluation of the quality and feasibility of the project, your proposed programme should be developed using the provided template document, which is structured

around the following sections: rationale and background, objectives, study plan and methodology, expected results, references. An indication of the number of words for each section is provided, which corresponds to a **2-3 pages proposal**. The structure is not rigid, but please make sure that you **do not exceed 4 pages**.

The Fellowships Selection Committee prefers to see this section **written by the candidate in his/her own words** rather than to see a detailed programme set out by the supervising scientist. Where the proposed programme during the fellowship represents a marked change in the field of work, the Fellowships Selection Committee will expect to see evidence in the application that the applicant has already made his/her own effective efforts towards bringing about this change.

At the end of this section, candidates should clarify how their research proposal is related to low- and medium-resource countries. **Potential benefit to low- and medium-resource countries is an important consideration in the Committee's evaluation of your application.**

For country classification see: <http://www.worldbank.org/data/countryclass/countryclass.html>

Candidates should also explain how the proposal will be **feasible within the IARC host Group** identified.

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As for all research activities at the Agency, IARC Fellowships respect fundamental ethical principles based on IARC's internal ethical rules and regulations.

Section 14 - "REFEREES"

Fill in the enclosed **Evaluation Forms** and send them directly to your present supervisor and the two other referees with the request that they be completed and returned directly to IARC, Lyon.

Please note that only applications for which all references will have been received will be evaluated.

Section 15 - "SUGGESTED TRAINING GROUP AT IARC AND SUPERVISING SCIENTIST"

You should indicate your choice of host Group and supervisor at IARC, as well as the date at which you contacted the supervisor at IARC in order to establish a proposed programme of mutual interest.

Section 18 - "FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS APPLIED FOR" and perspectives for your return

It is normal practice to make application to more than one organization at the same time. The Fellowships Selection Committee does not in any way take account of other applications that may have been made. However, it is important for us to know what other fellowships you have applied for and if possible by what date you expect to know the outcome of your application.

You should also indicate what your perspectives are for continuing to work in the field of cancer research after the fellowship and, if applicable, for returning to a position in cancer research in your home country.

Important: applications from LMIC candidates who are likely to return to their country of origin will be given additional weight in the selection process.

Section 19 – 20 are straightforward - fill them in as accurately as possible.