

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

MENACTRIMS offers a postdoctoral research fellowship program for young neuroscientists to facilitate their conduct of and training in basic, clinical or applied research related to multiple sclerosis (MS). The goal of the program is to maximize exchange of information and to help grow the pool of well-trained research scientists focused on problems in MS. Initially, it is anticipated that several fellowships will be awarded each year.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- Scientists and physicians who hold or are candidates for an MD, PhD, ScD or equivalent professional degree are eligible.
- Candidates must have received their advanced degree(s) prior to initiation of the fellowship.
- In general, successful applicants will be less than 40 years of age at the time of application; exceptions under special circumstances will be considered.

RESEARCH PLAN

- The MENACTRIMS Research Fellowship is a research-focused experience. Prospective fellows must identify and present a cogent basic, clinical or applied research project to be undertaken during the fellowship period, in collaboration with the fellowship mentor at the host institution.
- Applicants pursuing a research fellowship experience in any MS-related research topic (basic, applied or clinical, in any relevant specialty area) will be considered.

FELLOWSHIP LOCATION

- The fellowship period will be spent in a research laboratory or clinic focused on problems associated with MS.
- The prospective fellow must determine in advance the fellowship location and identify a proposed mentor, all of which will be considered along with the fellow's own qualifications and research plan, in the review and selection process.

TERM

- Fellowships of 1-year duration will be available.
- Fellowships of shorter duration than 1 year will be considered only under special circumstances, which must be detailed in the application process.
- The fellowship must be initiated (all paper work submitted to the administrator; move to training venue complete; work actively beginning) within 6 months of the receipt of an award letter from MENACTRIMS. Any exceptions to this must be approved by the MENACTRIMS fellowship program.

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SUPPORT

- The fellowship will provide an annual stipend of USD 50,000 or USD 25,000 for 6 months or USD 12,500 for 3 months.
- MENACTRIMS will also provide economy round-trip transportation from the successful candidate's home location to the training site; travel expenses for family members cannot be provided.
- Payment from MENACTRIMS will be made to the host institution, which will be considered the employer of the fellow. Stipends will be paid by the host institution to the fellow according to the institution's own payment policies and schedules.
- The MENACTRIMS award must be used by the institution to pay the fellow's stipend ("salary") at the appropriate rate for the fellow's stage of training. Should there be any remaining funds, the remainder of the award can be used to support institutional social benefits (health care coverage, pension, other benefits) that may be required by the institution.
- If the total stipend plus benefits exceeds the amount provided by the ECTRIMS award, it is the responsibility of the institution/ mentor to supplement the MENACTRIMS award to cover the entire required costs.
- The expected fellow's total salary as well as the expected fellow's total social benefits costs per year have to be indicated by the host institution.
- Fellows will be expected to attend annual MENACTRIMS Congresses during the term of their fellowship and to make a presentation on their funded research. MENACTRIMS will separately support travel and accommodations for Congress participation.

ACTIVITIES DURING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The MENACTRIMS Research Fellowship is intended to be a full-time research and research training experience; however up to 10% of the Fellow's time may be spent in teaching, clinical care not associated with any research project or additional course work, as deemed appropriate by fellow and mentor.

APPLICATIONS EVALUATION CRITERIA

MENACTRIMS Research Fellowships will be awarded in a competitive review process conducted by members of the MENACTRIMS Research Fellowship Review Committee. Applications will be evaluated based on the:

- Candidate qualifications, educational history and evaluation of career plans
- Qualifications and characteristics of the proposed training mentor and host institution
- The nature of the proposed clinical training plan, including any course work or clinical research that is anticipated
- Quality of letters of endorsement from the proposed mentor and from referees at the fellow's home institution, etc.

All other conditions being satisfied, priority will be given to applicants from developing countries.

UP TO **USD 50,000** WILL BE PROVIDED

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