

Dear All,

Human Frontiers Science Program (HFSP) postdoctoral fellowships encourage early career scientists to broaden their research skills by moving into new areas of study while working in a new country.

""The registration site for the 2019 fellowship applications is now open  
Fellowship initiation deadline: 9 August 2018  
Fellowship submission deadline: 23 August 2018 at 1:00 pm CEST

Host supervisors and referees have until 23 August to register and submit their section. The applicant will only be able to submit the application once the host supervisor(s) and referees have submitted their sections.

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**HFSP fellowships are for 3 years.** Fellows may choose to stay for up to 3 years in the host country or use the last year of their fellowship to return to their home country or to move to another HFSP member country.

**Long-Term Fellowships (LTF)** are for applicants with a Ph.D. in a biological discipline, who will broaden their expertise by proposing a project in the life sciences, which is significantly different from their previous Ph.D. or postdoctoral work.

**Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships (CDF)** are for applicants with a Ph.D. from outside the life sciences (e.g. in physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering or computer sciences), who have had limited exposure to biology during their previous training.

The HFSP fellowship program strongly supports frontier, potentially transformative ('out-of-the-box') proposals and encourages applications for high-risk projects. The projects should be interdisciplinary in nature and should challenge existing paradigms by using novel approaches and techniques. Scientifically, they should address an important problem or a barrier to progress in the field.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

1) A candidate who is not a national from one of the supporting countries (see list below) may apply to work only in a research institution in one of the supporting countries.

A candidate who is a national of one of the supporting countries can apply to work in a research institution in any country.

HFSPPO supporting countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus (EU part only), Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Republic of Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

2) A research doctorate (PhD) or a doctoral-level degree comparable to a PhD with equivalent experience in basic research (e.g. a research based MD or medical PhD) must be conferred by the start of the fellowship. It is not required at the time of submission.

*If PhD awarded:*

- The date on which the doctoral degree was officially conferred will determine the cut off for the eligibility of a fellowship application.
- The degree must have been conferred in the 3 years prior to the submission deadline, i.e. between 1 Sept. 2015 and 23 August 2018.
- Exceptions are possible only for post-PhD career interruptions such as illness, parental leave, providing full time care for an immediate family member, military or civil service.

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*"If PhD not yet awarded:*

- The PhD must be conferred by 31 December 2019 at the latest.
- The fellowship cannot start before the PhD is officially conferred.

3) Applicants must have at least one lead author, full-length research paper - either accepted for publication, in press or published - in an international peer-reviewed journal or published on a pre-print server such as bioRxiv by 23 August 2018 in order to be eligible to apply.

**Please be aware of the following grounds for ineligibility:**

- 1) Applicants who started to work in the proposed host institution or host country prior to 1 April 2018 are not eligible.
- 2) Applicants who on 1 April 2019 have spent more than 12 months (consecutive or not) in the proposed host country are not eligible. The combined duration of all research-related stays in the host country is taken into account.
- 3) Applicants who on 1 April 2019 have spent more than 12 months (consecutive or not) with their proposed host supervisor are not eligible, even in case the host supervisor relocated to another country.
- 4) Applicants cannot propose to return to an institution where they have worked

in the past if they plan to pursue the same or a similar project.

5) Applicants cannot propose to work with:

- former scientific collaborators;
- former research supervisors;
- any other scientist with whom the applicant has worked or published.

6) Applicants cannot propose to take up the HFSP fellowship in the country where they obtained their PhD, even if the applicant is not a national of that country.

7) Applications to move from one laboratory to another in the same country are not eligible.

8) A candidate cannot apply to go to the country of which he/she is a national, even if pre- or post-doctoral studies were completed abroad or the PhD was obtained in another country. Candidates with dual nationalities are allowed to apply to work in a research institution in one of the countries for which they have a dual nationality provided they have never lived or studied in this country or they have left this country during their early childhood. In such cases applicants need to contact the Fellowship Office and claim an exemption.

9) Applications to work in a for-profit research environment are not eligible.

10) An applicant cannot submit more than one HFSP fellowship application in a competition year.

11) Former Long-Term or Cross-Disciplinary Fellowship awardees cannot apply for a second HFSP fellowship.

12) Host supervisors can endorse only one application (LTF or CDF) per competition.

## **FELLOWSHIP ALLOWANCES:**

Living allowance: Based on the country in which the fellowship is carried out (For Italy: Year 1, 36.000€; Year 2: 37.560€; Year 3: 39.120€).

Child Allowance: Is paid per child and corresponds to about 10% of the first year living allowance (for Italy: 3600€ annual per child).

Research and travel allowance: Contribution toward the cost of moving the fellow and his/her family members to and from host country (for Italy: 4500€/year).