

Postdoctoral Fellowships Available

The University of California San Diego is receiving applications for 6 month postdoctoral fellowship program under its AIDS International Training Program (AITRP) funded by the Fogarty International Center. **This program is restricted to Mexican nationals who intend to develop a career in academic research focused on the prevention of HIV, TB and related infections.** Residents from the Mexico-US border region are preferred.

Our objectives are:

- 1) To offer a 6 month intensive internship program with interdisciplinary research and career development training for Mexican nationals who aspire to become independent researchers focusing on the prevention of HIV, TB and related infections;
- 2) To mentor Mexican postdoctoral fellows in career development training, skills in manuscript writing, bioethics, grantsmanship, scientific presentations and methods needed to design and conduct research studies in the Mexico-US border region;
- 3) To offer fellows the opportunity to develop and conduct a pilot study in Mexico (an In Country Training Pilot Grant) focused on prevention of HIV, TB or related infections;
- 4) To train fellows in the responsible conduct of research with human subjects, especially research with vulnerable or disadvantaged populations in cross-cultural and international settings.

Our training program builds upon a longstanding partnership between the UCSD School of Medicine and the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, as well as San Diego State University (SDSU), El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF) and Universidad Xochicalco. We draw upon a network of mentors from all of these schools.

Our program will support three postdoctoral fellows per year. Post-doctoral candidates must have completed an advanced degree (MD or PhD) and have no more than 5-years since the completion of their advanced degree. A monthly stipend will be offered that is consistent with guidelines from the U.S. National Institute of Health (i.e., approximately \$3000 USD per month, depending on the level of the trainee). Applications can be submitted at any time throughout the year, but are based on the availability.

Applications should include the following:

- 1) Cover letter (one-page), including all contact information
- 2) Biographical sketch in attached format:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketch.pdf>
- 3) 2- page personal statement in English, indicating the following: a) short-term and long-term career goals, b) research interests c) commitment to a career in academic research pertaining to prevention of HIV, TB or related infections d) commitment to a six month period of full time training, based in the Mexico-US border region, and preference for start-date.
- 4) Proof of Mexican citizenship.
- 5) Documentation that the applicant has received a Ph.D., M.D., or a comparable doctoral degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution (e.g., ScD). (Documentation by an authorized official of the degree-granting institution certifying all degree requirements have been met prior to the beginning date of training is acceptable.)

- 6) Three letters of reference who can attest to your commitment to a career in academic research related to the prevention of HIV, TB or related infections, your experience, training and work ethic.

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