



IHCAI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS FUND ANNOUNCES

The Scholarships and Fellowships 2004-2005-2006

How to apply

The **IHCAI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP FUND** offers five different Scholarships and Fellowships

Application

There is one application form only for all IHCAI Scholarships and Fellowships. The form can be completed in this PDF document. (See page 9) *The application is in PDF format you can complete it in the spaces given this form is no valid for the **About the IHCAI FOUNDATION Research Capacity Development Programme (IFRCDP)**. (See page 5)*

To apply, send the following materials to the IHCAI FOUNDATION Board of Directors:

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS DESCRIPTION




IHCAI F01-A Graduate Junior Researcher Professional

One year of independent study, evidence based oriented including two intensive, week-long educational seminars in tropical and poverty diseases and burden of the health care systems in developing countries as well as Latin American Culture. The selected takes the time to focus on a project previously selected. A \$15,000 stipend supports research. This stipend can be increased up to US\$ 20,000. There is only one per year for Nationals of any country except nationals of Central America. The topic must be one of the importances for the health problems in Central America. Clinical trials are only accepted under very strict conditions, but generally are not considered for funding. And under the scope of the Evidence Based Medicine practice and health policy




Eligibility

- Candidates must be 45 years old or younger
- Professionals in Health Sciences such a Medicine, Epidemiology, nurse practitioners, physician assistant, and other health or health related professions are considered.
- Training and research experience in Public Health, epidemiology or Health Economics is a plus.
- Experience and research reports and publications non older than 2 years.
- Mother tongue can be English or French or Spanish, in any case advance English and intermediate Spanish proficiency is required

IHCAI S 01-A One-month training course in Medical Spanish and Tropical Medicine.

 The IHCAI FOUNDATION FUND gives a Stipend that covers from 40% to 60 % of the Tuition and Room and Board. IHCAI FOUNDATION FUND will assign to each applicant the amount on its own criteria and based on fund availability ONE Scholarship is available once a year for: students and residents from any School currently institutional member IHMEC now Global Health Education Consortium www.ihmec.org One Scholarship is Available every session for Tulane Medical Students, Harvard Medical Students, University of Connecticut School of Medicine Medical Students , Michigan State University Medical Students . Students and residents from other Schools or Institutions may apply and IHCAI FOUNDATION FUND will consider the application based upon funds availability



Eligibility

-  Candidates must be regular Medical Students, residents, or Senior Physician Students.
-  IHCAI Scholarship and Fellowship FUND considers eligible for this Scholarship only to those students who completed the application form and the registration requirements for the IHCAI 010A. Applications must be submitted not after three months prior to the course session
-  Application form is in this document as PDF form that you can complete and return it to info@ihcai.org .

IHCAI S 02 A

One month to 6 weeks research/ clinical clerkship for senior health professions students . Funds allocations for projects development, personal expenses are not covered. Applicants are advised to read the IHCAI FOUNDATION RESEARCH GUIDELINES. IHCAI FOUNDATION FUND will consider the application based upon funds availability and project reliability and applicant experience, and basic research knowledge.

Eligibility

-  Candidates must be regular Medical Students, residents, or Senior Physician Students.
-  Applicants for the Short term must be fluent in Spanish to be familiar with the Latin American Culture. Preference is given to those who can give proof of previous work volunteer in any country.

- ✚ Candidates may be National of any country and, must be a currently registered student in any credited Medical /Nursing, or Public Health School or a young professional researcher. Preference is given to students, residents and professionals registered or affiliate to:

Tulane School of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

Other Medical Schools affiliated to IHMEC (International Health Medical Education Consortium now Global Health Education Consortium) will have preference too.

Students and residents from other Schools or Institutions may apply. IHCAI FOUNDATION FUND will consider the application based upon funds availability

✚ IHCAI 17 HMS-A

✚ This is only for Harvard Senior Medical Students doing elective ME518 Rural Medicine and Nutrition in Latin America (Costa Rica). Students are advised that for applying for this program they must be officially enrolled at Harvard Medical School. For more details please contact Dr. Manuel Herrera at Harvard School of Public Health or at Brigham and Women Hospital.

✚ IHCAI 17B HMS-

- ✚ A- Partial Scholarship to do a Clinical rotation in Harvard Medical School. This Scholarship waives the HMS US\$ 2600 regular tuition for visiting students. A unique US \$ 1000 stipend will be given to all students doing this program. Student shall present the funds claim at HMS in Boston according to the instructions given by the HMS financial office.
- ✚ B-Scholarship to attend an 8 to 12-week rotation at Harvard Medical School. The IHCAI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS FUND WILL GIVE US\$1.900 stipend plus 50 % of airfare cost. The Scholarship does not cover health insurance and any migration and airport fees or any additional cost. Students are advised to follow the IHCAI FOUNDATION guidelines for reducing Airfare, accommodation and food cost. Once the student is noticed that the Scholarship has been approved must sign the Scholarship contract and accept all the terms and conditions. Students doing this elective must achieve acceptable performance; it is desirable to have H or HH grades. Students failing any of the rotation will lose automatically the Scholarship and all the funds must be returned to IHCAI FOUNDATION or to Harvard Medical School. There are 2 Scholarships per year. Selection process is from January to March one year prior to the rotation. Students must complete the application process and must be admitted in the program before filling the Scholarship application form. This program is only for Costa Rica and Central American citizens and registered students in the last year of the medical training in one certified Medical School in Central America. Please contact IHCAI FOUNDATION for more

details and documentation and term of reference and requirements and terms and conditions.

Application REMARKS for all the Scholarships and fellowships

There is one application form only for all IHCAI Scholarships and Fellowship Fund. Applicant must mark as it corresponds according to the Scholarships or Fellowship he or she is applying. Please add the following documentation and address it to the IHCAI SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP FUND Board of Directors:

These requirements do not apply ONLY for students applying for IHCAI 17 A HMS (SENIOR MEDICAL STUDENTS DOING HMS ME518 Elective).

- ✚ A *statement of up to 100 words*, explaining your reasons for applying and what you hope to accomplish through a Scholarship. Indicate which of the Scholarship option(s) interest you. If you're interested in more than one, note the order of preference.
- ✚ A *resume*, including complete contact information.
- ✚ A *letter of recommendation* from a supervisor or local preceptor or someone else familiar with your work. Applicants for the IHCAI 02 PROGRAM (clinical research and intervention grant) should supply nominating letters from two supervisors, or others familiar with your work.

● Research Fellowships A copy of previous Scientifics reports written not before 2 year prior to the application.

● **Applications for EVERY ACADEMIC YEAR (September (previous year to December) postmarked no later than December 15th.** All the materials must be included in the application package, or it will be considered incomplete and invalid. Send these to:

IHCAI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS FUND
Board of Directors
International Health Central American Institute FOUNDATION
P.O. Box 1677-2100
San José, Costa Rica
Or email it to:
juntadirectiva@ihcai.org www.ihcai.org

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TOLL FREE IN USA AND CANADA 1-800-352-3054

CHAPTER 2

The IHCAI FOUNDATION Research Capacity Development Programme (IFRCDP).

is a regional Programme which provides personal awards & funds academic infrastructure to support research capacity development within public and non for profit private sector in Central America . It is funded by IHCAI FOUNDATION and the collaborative partners and patrons, is administered by the Board of Directors and the Central America IHCAI FOUNDATION consultive Council.

About the IHCAI FOUNDATION Research Capacity Development Programme (IFRCDP).

The purpose of the programme is to build & support a skilled workforce capable of advancing high quality research with the aim of maintaining & improving health within knowledge based patient centred health service and bioethical commitment . The programme (IFRCDP) is aimed to support primary and secondary high quality research.

IHCAI FOUNDATION is the host sponsor and official base of the:
Central America Cochrane Centre Branch of the Iberoamerican Cochrane Centre. Cochrane Collaboration.

The IHCAI FOUNDATION Board of Directors took the decision based on the Strategic plan for the Cochrane activities in Central America that the fund allocation of the IHCAI FOUNDATION Research Capacity Development Programme (**IFRCDP**) during the period of 2004 to 2007 shall give priority to increase the context sensitive production of Cochrane Collaboration Systematic Reviews.

What is Research Capacity??

"Capacity building' is a general term for a process of individual & institutional development which leads to higher levels of skills & greater ability to perform useful research". (pp1321) Trostle.J, 1992 "*Research Capacity building & international health: Definitions, evaluations & strategies for success*". Soc.sci.med,35,11,1321-1324.

Research priority areas for Systematic Reviews

Major strategic research developments are based on the regional burden of diseases and needs accordingly to the available resources of the of the health care service in each contry of the region. Basic priority areas: Reproductive Health, Infectious diseases, Children growth and development, cancer, mental health, coronary heart disease (CHD), ageing and older people, pharmaceutical problems and industry, oral health, public health, genetics and diabetes and health polciy and equity acces to health care services.

Who are eligible?

The awards scheme will bring all of the medical and health professions together and enable the programme to be inclusive of applicants from any healthcare discipline undertaking research for the benefit of their contries and institutions and will be inclusive also of all the levels and practice of health care delivery and policy design and management.

Primary Care
Public Health
Clinicians Scientists and practioners
Nursing and Allied Health Professions
Complementary and Alternative Medicine
Oral health Clinicians Scientist and practioners

The applicants must be nationals of: Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Domenican Republic.

Application and Contact Information

You can obtain further information about the Research Capacity Development Portfolio from the following contact: info@cochrane.ihcai.org . The application form and terms and conditions must be requested. An initial interview is mandatory

IHCAI FOUNDATION Bi-ANNUAL AWARDS

IHCAI 012 RS A

One week to visit Cost Rica or any other Central American country during the IHCAI Bi-annual Award Ceremony. IHCAI Foundation will cover air transportation cost, Room and full per diem to the DR. HUGO BEHM AWARD WINNER every two years. IHCAI FOUNDATION will select the Air carrier and the Air transportation Purchase.

- IHCAI 014-A will covers Air Transportation and Room to the Other IHCAI FOUNDATION awardees to attend the IHCAI Award Ceremony.
- IHCAI 015 Participation in international conference such as IHMEC OR ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION where the students present the personal research results whether a poster or seminar The stipend is \$400.

Costs of lodging and travel to and from the activities are covered for all fellows. Except for the IHCAI BI-ANNUAL AWARDS as follows

The Best research/Intervention project award conducted by overseas students working in any Central American Country and sponsored by IHCAI FOUNDATION. This award will be given every 2 years. The award committee will announce the winners in December every two years and the ceremony will be held every two years in March in San Jose, Costa Rica

The Best Central American Medical or other Health Professions Students project.

The program's advisory board chooses fellows based on the strength of their proposals, the caliber of their work and experience, and the prospect of future contributions to strength the relationship North South focusing on reducing the gap low-high income countries and the Knowledge based development approach.



INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CENTRAL AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM- Form Number: IHCAI SAG.			
1.Name:	Address	Telephone	
Email	Office telephone	Mobil or /Pager number	
2.Home Institution:			
3.Date of birth:	Gender Male ρ Female ρ	Space only for IHCAI	
Day Month Year	S_	A: IR__	
4.Expected date of graduation:	Year		
5.Please indicate as appropriate what programme are you applying for	ρ IHCAI F 01 ρ IHCAI S 01 A ρ IHCAI S 02-B		
6.Please indicate when are you planning to attend the programme	From Day Month Year To Day Month Year		
7.Please indicate When are planning to travel. IN Day month year OUT Day month year	8.Your Home Institution preceptor or work head is :	Address	Email:
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Board session ___/___/___/ Number: A ρ R ρ Day month year			

Note: only in some cases IHCAI covers Health Insurances and other travel expenses please contact IHCAI for more information at info@ihcai.org . But it is mandatory in any case when officially doing any IHCAI Foundation program to have a health Insurance accepted by IHCAI FOUNDTION.

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