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## **Fellowship Application**

### **HBNU Fogarty Global Health Research Training Program: A Partnership of Harvard University, Boston University, Northwestern University, and University of New Mexico**

#### **2026–2027 Fellowship Application**

All applications are due electronically by 11:59pm EST on **October 1st, 2025**. If you have any questions, please contact [efine@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:efine@hsph.harvard.edu).

The HBNU Fogarty Global Health Research Training Program is accepting applications from U.S. pre- and post-doctoral candidates and post-doctoral candidates from collaborating LMIC sites. For more information about the eligibility criteria and program components, please refer to the [HBNU website](#).

Prior to beginning this application, please be sure you have done the following:

1. Identified two primary mentors. One must be from a U.S. HBNU institution (Harvard University, Boston University, Northwestern University, or University of New Mexico); the other must be from your LMIC HBNU-affiliated site. Please note that while you may have additional mentors, it is expected that your HBNU mentors will be actively involved in your fellowship.
2. Compiled all required documents listed in the application components.

I am applying as (please use what your status will be as of July 1, 2026):

- U.S. Pre Doctoral Fellow: U.S. citizen or permanent resident doctoral student, (PhD, DrPH, etc) or professional student (MD, DDS, DVM, PharmD, etc.) Please specify the university name.

- U.S. Post Doctoral Fellow (U.S. citizen or permanent resident)
- LMIC Post Doctoral Fellow from an affiliated international institution

Which HBNU U.S. consortium member are you affiliated/collaborating with for this fellowship?

Note: this should correspond with the institution of your U.S. mentor.

- Harvard University
- Boston University

- Northwestern University
- University of New Mexico

How did you hear about this program?

- Attended the info session webinar
- Spoke with a PI or faculty member
- Was recommended by a mentor
- Heard about the program from a colleague
- Saw advertisement in newsletter or email outreach
- Found application on the HBNU website
- Other (please specify)

## **Basic Information**

## **Applicant Information & Demographics**

## **Personal and contact information**

Full Name

First (Given) Name

Middle Name

Last (Surname) Name

Current Address

Street Address

City

State/Territory/Province/Region

Postal Code

Country

Is your permanent address **different** than your current address provided above?

No

- Yes (please write your permanent address below, including the street address, city, state, postal code, and country)

E-mail Address

Telephone Number (with country code)

## **Applicant demographics**

Are you a...

- U.S. Citizen
- U.S. Permanent Resident (Please provide green card number)

Citizen of a country other than U.S. (Please specify country)

What is your sex?

Male

Female

Other, please specify

Prefer not to respond

Date of Birth

Month

Day

Year

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino

Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (Please check ALL that apply)

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White or Caucasian
- Other racial identification (please specify)

Do you have a physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities?

- Yes
- No

**The NIH defines "disadvantaged background" as those who meet two of the following criteria:**

1. Were or currently are homeless, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Definition: <https://nche.ed.gov/mckinney-vento/>);
2. Were or currently are in the foster care system, as defined by the Administration for Children and Families (Definition: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/focus-areas/foster-care/>);
3. Were eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for two or more years (Definition: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines>);
4. Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor's degree (see <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2018/2018009.pdf>);

5. Were or currently are eligible for Federal Pell grants  
(Definition: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/eligibility.html>);
6. Received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child (Definition: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-eligibility-requirements>).
7. Grew up in one of the following areas: a) a U.S. rural area, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer (<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/rural-health>), *or* b) a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-designated Low-Income and Health Professional Shortage Areas (qualifying zipcodes are included in the file). Only one of the two possibilities in #7 can be used as a criterion for the disadvantaged background definition.

Do you come from a disadvantaged background?

- Yes
- No

## Education & Current Position

Please list your terminal degree(s) and the year completed (ex. PhD 2024).

Note: if you have not yet completed the degree, please indicate the expected completion



Please tell us the discipline/specialty of your degree(s) (e.g., internal medicine, epidemiology, etc.).

Do you have working knowledge of any language other than English? Please list any languages and level of proficiency (e.g., beginner, working/conversational, fluent).

What is your current professional title (e.g., postdoctoral fellow, lecturer, etc.)?

What is the name of your current institution/employer?

What is the name of your current department?

## **Proposal Information**

### **Fellowship Research Proposal**

In this section, you will provide brief information about your proposed fellowship research.

Research Study Title

Please select the primary research area(s) for your proposed fellowship research.

- Medium or high priority HIV/AIDS
- Maternal and child health and nutrition
- Non-communicable diseases

Mental health

Other, please specify

For medium and high-priority HIV/AIDS projects:

1. The contents of the application must justify the use of HIV/AIDS funding. The application must clearly focus on HIV/AIDS. The mere presence of an HIV group in the proposed study does not make it an HIV/AIDS study.
2. Applications must align with the Office of AIDS Research's (OAR) research strategy. For more information about the NIH definition of medium and high-priority HIV/AIDS research areas [please review this page](#).
3. HIV or AIDS should be meaningfully included throughout the application: in title, background, hypothesis, specific aims, approach, etc.
4. There must be explicitly stated HIV/AIDS-relevant outcomes, particularly in the study approach. Please note that merely determining the HIV positivity rate is not sufficient for support using HIV/AIDS funding.
5. Particularly for TB studies, there needs to be explicit targeting of HIV/AIDS patients. Known TB/HIV comorbidity does not justify the use of HIV/AIDS dollars.

In addition to the primary research areas listed above, NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices (ICOs) may support HBNU Fogarty Fellowship projects which align with their research priorities. Please review the priorities to determine whether your project may align with one or more ICO. [You can find more information here.](#)

**Please indicate whether your proposed fellowship research aligns with the priorities of any of the following NIH ICOs (select all that apply)**

- National Cancer Institute (NCI)
- National Eye Institute (NEI)
- National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
- National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA)
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
- National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
- National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)
- National Institute of Biomedical Imagine and Bioengineering (NIBIB)
- Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
- National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)
- National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)
- National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)
- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
- National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)

- National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
- National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)
- National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)
- National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)
- National Library of Medicine (NLM)
- NIH Clinical Center (CC)
- Center for Information Technology (CIT)
- Center for Scientific Review (CSR)
- National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS)
- National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)
- Office of AIDS Research (OAR)
- Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR)
- Office of Disease Prevention (ODP)
- Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH)

Please select the HBNU-affiliated LMIC site where you will carry out your fellowship research project if accepted into the program. *Please note that your LMIC site mentor should be affiliated with your chosen site.*

- International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research Bangladesh (icddr,b), Bangladesh
- Botswana-Harvard AIDS Institute Partnership (BHP), Botswana
- Addis Continental Institute of Public Health (ACIPH), Ethiopia
- The University of Ghana, Ghana
- Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) & Centre for Chronic Disease Control (CCDC), India
- Maseno University and School of Medicine, Kenya
- University of Sciences, Techniques, and Technologies of Bamako (USTTB), University of Bamako, Mali

- Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH), Nigeria
- University of Ibadan, University College Hospital, Nigeria
- University of Jos and Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH), Nigeria
- University of Lagos, College of Medicine and the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), Nigeria
- Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH), Peru
- University of Global Health Equity (UGHE), Rwanda
- Health Economics and Epidemiology Research Office (HE2RO), a Division of the Wits Health Consortium, South Africa
- The University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa
- The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), HIV Pathogenesis Program (HPP), South Africa
- Weill Bugando Medical Centre (BMC), Tanzania
- Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), Tanzania
- Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center (KCMC), Tanzania
- Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST), Uganda
- The University of Zambia School of Public Health (UNZA), Zambia

Applicants are required to have two primary mentors: one mentor from a U.S. HBNU institution (Harvard University, Boston University, Northwestern University, and University of New Mexico) and one mentor from a HBNU-affiliated international site (see HBNU website for the full list). **Please list your two primary mentors below:**

*Please note that while many fellows may have multi-mentor teams and/or additional mentors depending on the needs of their research project, applicants MUST specify their two primary mentors affiliated with their U.S. and*

*international HBNU sites. It is expected that fellows will work closely with their HBNU mentors to conduct their fellowship research.*

U.S. Mentor Name

LMIC Mentor Name

## **Fellowship Plan Statements**

### **HBNU Application Attachments**

#### **Personal Statement** (< 800 words)

Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file "1\_LAST NAME\_Personal Statement"

Please state why you are interested in an international mentored research training experience. We are particularly interested in hearing how your career goals relate to global health and how this program will benefit your professional development as a researcher.

## **Research Proposal** (<1,000 words)

Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “2\_LAST NAME\_Research Proposal”

Describe your proposed research project. Please use the following format:

- a. Research Project Title
- b. Specific Aims
- c. Research Plan
  - i. Significance
  - ii. Innovation
  - iii. Approach/Methods
- d. References (does not count toward word limit)

Applicants should be sure to A) provide an explicit discussion of the significance of the proposed research; B) provide some demonstration of sufficient power to draw conclusions (e.g., power analyses) or discuss what informed the numbers; C) provide a clear description of the training benefits likely to be derived from the scope of work proposed.



## **IRB & Ethical Approval Plan** (< 500 words)

Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “3\_LAST NAME\_IRB Plan”

Describe your timeline for applying for Institutional Review Board and ethical approvals. This may include the U.S. (HBNU institution) and international collaborating institutions/national IRBs. Please be sure to include all IRBs/ethical review boards from which you will seek approval.

## **Additional Funding (if applicable)** (< 300 words)

(If applicable) Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “4\_LAST NAME\_Co-funding”

Please describe any additional sources of funding that you have available for your project/fellowship, or that you are applying for. This includes T32, D43 or MEPI grant support, secondary fellowships, K- award, etc. If none, please list N/A.

## **Fellowship Timeline** (< 500 words)

Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “5 \_LAST NAME\_ Fellowship Timeline”

Describe what you intend to accomplish within the 12-month time frame (official fellowship dates are July 1st to June 30th), the feasibility of the study within the available time frame, and the next steps to advance your research. Be sure to account for the time needed to obtain ethical approvals prior to beginning your research.

## **LMIC U.S. Short-term Training Proposal** (< 500 words)

(If applicable) Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “5a \_LAST NAME\_ US Training Plan”

International fellows will travel to their U.S. HBNU site for 1-3 months during the fellowship year. Candidates should discuss this with their mentors and submit a short proposal of the activities they will engage in during their time in the U.S. Short-term training activities are designed to provide LMIC fellows with experiences and skills that are unique to the U.S. academic and research environment.

Fellows should engage in specialized training or work to complete aspects of their research that cannot be accomplished in their home institution (e.g., lacking the necessary equipment). The fellow simply working on their research in the mentor's lab is not considered a "unique experience". We acknowledge that for some types of research, it will be easier to plan unique experiences. Please work closely with your mentor to brainstorm ideas.

Please note that we expect this plan to be high-level and tentative. **If awarded, fellows will have the opportunity to submit a more detailed short-term training plan during fellowship onboarding.**

### **Budget** (< 500 words)

Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file "6 \_LAST NAME \_Budget"

Provide a high-level budget that outlines the major costs needed to complete your research. This budget should only include direct costs for your research and may include costs associated with research dissemination. **Travel and living expenses should not be included in this budget.**

Please note that the total amount approved for research funds under this fellowship is \$15,000.

## **NIH Style Biosketch**

Please submit all biosketches as **WORD DOCUMENTS** and name them “7\_LAST NAME\_NIH Biosketch”

Please submit an NIH Biosketch for the candidate and the two mentors. For instructions on how to format your biosketch, [please refer to the NIH guidelines](#). You must submit a biosketch for:

- a. Yourself
- b. Your HBNU-affiliated U.S. Mentor
- c. Your international site mentor

Please ensure you and your mentors' biosketches are in the most up-to-date format and are an exact match to the relevant NIH template. **Applicants are encouraged to utilize the blank templates to ensure their biosketches adhere to all NIH requirements.**

You and your mentors should tailor your biosketches to this application (e.g., at the very least, mentor biosketches must

make a general reference to their history and experience with mentorship).

## **Applicant fellowship biosketch**

## **U.S. HBNU mentor biosketch**

## **LMIC HBNU mentor biosketch**

## **Transcripts (doctoral and professional students only)**

(If applicable) Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “8\_LAST NAME\_Transcripts”

Doctoral and professional student applicants must provide a PDF copy of their most recent transcript. **Non-official**

## **transcripts are preferred.**

Post-doctoral applicants do not need to include a transcript.

### **Mentorship Plan** (< 800 words)

Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “9 \_ LAST NAME \_ Mentorship Plan”

Describe your proposed mentorship plan. The plan should explicitly discuss a thorough mentoring plan that outlines practical experiences to be gained, including career development activities, any courses, and evaluative benchmarks for the success of the training project.

This should include:

- a. The names, affiliations, and background of your U.S. HBNU-affiliated mentor and LMIC Site Mentor. Please also include a justification for choosing each mentor and whether you have previously worked with each mentor
- b. Involvement of each mentor in your research (i.e., the research activities in which they will participate)
- c. Frequency and location of meetings
- d. Goals of the mentoring relationship
- e. Practical experiences to be gained, including career

development activities, and any courses and/or evaluative benchmarks for success

f. Available resources and/or mentoring and research infrastructure for the proposed project

## **Block 6**

### **Letters of Support**

Please submit your signed letters of support as PDF documents and name the files “10 \_ MENTOR LAST NAME \_LOS”

All applicants must submit two letters of support from their mentors:

#### **Letter 1**

Fellows should have the support of at least one program-affiliated faculty mentor from one of the four participating consortium institutions (Harvard University, Boston University, Northwestern University, and University of New Mexico).

Applicants must have communicated with their proposed faculty mentor(s) to obtain their endorsement of the application and submit a letter of support from the faculty member at the consortium institution who has agreed to serve as the applicant’s primary research mentor. With the letter of support, please include the following information for

the mentor:

Mentor's Name

Mentor's Institution

Mentor's E-mail

## **Letter 2**

Fellows must also have the support of at least one mentor from their HBNU-affiliated international site who is willing to serve as the fellow's international site mentor. International mentors can be found on the HBNU website.

Mentor's Name

Mentor's Institution

Mentor's E-mail

## **Letter of Support 1 (U.S. Mentor)**

## **Letter of Support 2 (LMIC Mentor)**



## **Letter of Commitment (if applicable)**

(If applicable) Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “11\_LAST NAME\_Letter of Commitment”

If the applicant would need to take time off from a current academic, residency, or fellowship program or a current position in order to participate in the HBNU program, an additional letter must include the endorsement of the program director or current supervisor.

The letter must acknowledge that the applicant, if selected, will be required to work 40 hours per week (at a minimum) on their HBNU project for 12 months. The letter must also describe how the applicant’s current workload will be reduced to provide this protected time.