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Gilead's Research Scholars Program

The Gilead Research Scholars Program supports innovative research from emerging investigators around the world to advance scientific knowledge in areas of unmet medical needs and improve the lives of patients everywhere.

Since 2008, Gilead’s Research Scholars Program has invested more than $29 million USD into meaningful research conducted by more than 200 scholars.

Gilead’s Research Scholars Program is committed to building a more diverse and inclusive scientific community. Award selections are made without discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, genetic information or characteristic, gender identity and expression.

Visit www.Gilead.com/RSP to learn more.

HIV Program Overview

The program is designed to support basic and clinical research in the field of HIV, in North America and globally. Areas of research may include, but are not limited to:

- Basic, translational, clinical, behavioral and epidemiological research
- Management of complications, comorbidities and/or co-infections
- Prevention
- Health economics outcomes research

Each award is funded up to $130,000 USD over two years, paid as annual installments of $65,000 USD per year directly to the scholar’s institution. Funding for the second year is contingent upon submission of a progress report and approval by the Scientific Review Committee Co-Chairs.

Program Timeline

From application submission to award disbursement, the timeline for the HIV Program is as follows:

**Application deadline:** August 30, 2021

**Applicant notification:** November 15, 2021

**Award disbursement:** January 10, 2022

“The Gilead Research Scholars program allowed me to fund critical research at an early stage of my independent career, which I could not have done without the award.”

– Dr. Daniel Hodson
Application Information

Applications will be reviewed and selected by an independent Scientific Review Committee comprised of internationally recognized experts in basic and clinical research in the field of HIV.

Eligibility

The Research Scholars Program in HIV is open to emerging investigators from the following countries*:  
- The United States  
- Canada

**Applicants must meet the following requirements:**

- Hold an MD, DO, PhD or equivalent degree at time of award  
- Be within 5 years of a faculty appointment in association with a research institution in Canada or the United States at the time of application  
- Meet the Early Stage Investigator criteria† as defined by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). For more information visit the NIH website for additional detail.  
- Have a strong career interest in HIV  
- Have a research mentor with extensive experience in the field of HIV  
- Be able to devote approximately 50% of their professional time to research for the next two years (versus administrative, patient care or teaching responsibilities)  
- Be able to complete the proposed research within the two-year award period, providing evidence (manuscript, presentation or abstracts) resulting from the research

*An applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada or the United States or subject to the qualifications noted below hold a temporary non-immigrant visa/work permit. This visa must be valid for that allows the applicant to undertake the research over the two-year award period from Canada or the United States. This non-immigrant visa/work permit must be valid for the two-year award period or applicant must be able to establish that he or she is eligible for an extension, renewal or other status that will enable the applicant to perform the research in the applicable jurisdiction for the entirety of the two-year award period.

Criteria for Selection

In their evaluation, the Committee will consider the following criteria:

- Evaluation of the applicant  
- Evaluation of the Scientific Environment and Institutional Support  
- Evaluation of the proposal

Awards granted under the program may not be duplicative of funding from institutional or hospital, other governmental, non-governmental or industry sources. Applicants seeking an award for research projects that are currently receiving or may receive partial funding from other sources are required to submit appropriate evidence, as outlined in the current and pending funding form.

Proposals utilizing Gilead product(s) are not eligible for funding through the Research Scholars Program. Proposals involving Gilead product(s) should be submitted for review under the Investigator-Sponsored Research Grant Program through the ISR online portal.

Applications must be completed online and submitted electronically with the required supplementary materials.

Visit the Research Scholars Program application portal for detailed information about eligibility, application requirements and supplementary materials, research proposal guidelines, and criteria for selection.

†Note, those who have received substantial NIH research awards, such as being a PI on a R01, P01, or U01, are not Early Stage Investigators, according to NIH criteria. A list of NIH grants that a PI can hold and still be considered an Early Stage Investigator can be found by visiting this page published by the NIH.
Budget Guidelines

Indirect Costs
In an effort to maximize the research benefit of the award, the program encourages that every effort be made to minimize the utilization of the award to cover indirect costs. Indirect costs may not exceed 10% of the award value, and are included as part of the budget, not as an addition to the value of the award (subject to local variances to be approved by Gilead Sciences). Indirect costs are defined as overhead costs paid directly to the institution, for example maintenance of labs/space and departmental/admin costs.

Salaries
The applicant may allocate up to USD 50,000 per year in salary and fringe benefits support for the applicant and/or a technician. Salaries and fringe benefits for mentors, post-doctoral fellows, or students may not be included.

Supplies
Supplies such as disposables, chemicals, reagent kits, animals, etc., may be included. Equipment purchases with a single item value of greater than $2,500 USD may not be included.

Travel
Up to $1,500 USD per year for applicant’s travel to a scientific meeting for presentation of project data may be included.

Visit researchscholars.gilead.com/en/hiv_portal for complete program information, including comprehensive details on eligibility, evaluation criteria, research proposal guidelines, application materials, budget guidelines and funding

“The Gilead Research Scholars Program award provided additional support and funding to really make my research more innovative.”
– Dr. Kristine Mace Erlandson
Scientific Review Committee

Applications will be reviewed by the Committee, comprised of internationally recognized experts in basic and clinical research in the field of HIV:

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