



## Fondation Mérieux Scientific Fellowship Programme

### Helping scientists working on infectious diseases

Fondation Mérieux scientific fellowship programme is a grant programme established to promote exchanges and collaboration among researchers from the developed and developing world, throughout the world, by enabling infectious diseases researchers in the formative stage of their career to extend their research experience in a research institution during their post-university training.

Fellowship grants designed to support:

- young scientists from emerging nations who want to collaborate with an institution in a developed country;
- young scientists from developed countries who want to collaborate with an institution in an emerging country.

Priority is given to research projects that focus on:

- improving access to prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of infectious diseases such as HIV / AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, hepatitis and other infectious diseases that affect developing countries;
- improving the health of populations in these countries by providing concrete and relevant solutions;
- the best scientific understanding of those infectious diseases that mostly affect the emerging nations.

A global budget of 40 000 euros is allocated each year by Fondation Mérieux to this programme. The projects retained can receive a maximum grant of **5 000** euros.

The submission deadline is **1 March** for the April session and **1 September** for the October session each year, (an award notification will be sent to the recipients at the end of April for the March session and the end of October for the September session).

### Eligibility

The applicant seeking Fondation Mérieux funding must be a scientist (younger than 35 years) already working in a research area, but who have not had the previous opportunity to work or to study outside his/her country.

The applicant must be employed at an institution or must be a proven student in a University or other comparable research organization.

### Application Process

Please send the following documents:

- Your research project including its objectives, methods, schedule and expected impact;

- Your CV;
- A reference letter from the applicant's mentor and a letter of recommendation from a scientist who is not a mentor of the applicant.

Submit one electronic application and one original copy to Fondation Mérieux Direction Médicale Department no later than 1 March or 1 September of each calendar year.

**Fondation Mérieux**

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**Funding**

At the option of Fondation Mérieux, and depending on each individual award, the funding will be disbursed either as a one time payment or in several installments. Fondation Mérieux reserves the right to stop funding and/or to request reimbursement of award in case awarded applicant does not fully perform the awarded project or implements a project which is substantially different from the project reviewed at the time of the award.

**Independance**

Awarded applicant will perform his/her research project with a total independence from Fondation Mérieux and without control from Fondation Mérieux. In no event, shall the grant of the award and/or the relationship between awarded applicant be construed or interpreted, directly or indirectly, as an employers employee relationship. Awarded applicant recognizes that the amount received by Fondation Mérieux will does not imply any other relationship with Fondation Mérieux. Awarded applicant will be responsible for managing any tax, social benefits or other legal or financial question arising from him/her receiving the grant, either under French law or under his/her own country laws and regulations. Fondation Mérieux shall in no event be retained liable for any consequences, direct or indirect, arising from awarded applicant's conduct, behavior or work while conducting his/her research project.

**Communication / Publication of Research Results**

Fondation Mérieux supports and encourages publication of research results in peer reviewed scientific journals. In that context, awarded applicant will (i) acknowledge Fondation Mérieux in any written work, (ii) promptly notify Fondation Mérieux of any such written work or oral presentation, (iii) and send 2 (two) copies of any reprints to the Fondation Mérieux Medical Direction. Awarded applicant irrevocably authorizes Fondation Mérieux to publish such written work, under its own publication format (whether electronically or on paper) for non commercial use and for the purpose of fulfilling its mission only. Upon request of awarded applicant, such publication by Fondation Mérieux will respect the applicable intellectual property rules in case of a patentable invention under protection process, and will in any case acknowledge awarded applicant. Research results conceived or reduced to practice in the performance of the projects supported by Fondation Mérieux must be made available for non commercial research

purposes to other scientists, including on a non collaborative basis, within a year after funding ends, or immediately after acceptance of publication of findings in a peer reviewed journal, whichever first occurs. Awarded applicant will provide Fondation Mérieux with a recent photograph of himself/herself and irrevocably grants to Fondation Mérieux and anyone authorized by it, the unlimited right to publish his/her name, likeness, picture and biographical information on the Fondation Mérieux web site and in any other communication document made by Fondation Mérieux to promote its non for profit actions.

**Progress Report**

Awarded applicant will submit a progress report no later than 2 months after the end of the awarded research project. Progress report must include a brief summary suitable for publication in the Fondation Mérieux communication documents or on its web site.