



AMC Sub-Saharan Africa Scholar Award Program - 2022

The AIDS Malignancy Consortium (AMC) is pleased to announce that it is currently accepting applications for the AMC Scholar (fellowship) program. The scholar program was established to encourage and foster the development of new and junior clinical investigators at our international sites in Sub-Saharan Africa to pursue careers in clinical research in HIV-associated malignancies within the context of the AMC. Applicants must hold a medical degree (such as a Doctor of Medicine (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), or Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (MB, ChB, MB BS, BM MCh, etc.)) or a PhD/DrPH in population science (e.g., epidemiology, biostatistics, health outcomes & behavior). Additionally, applicants must be either completing a mentored fellowship (e.g., clinical fellowship, postdoctoral fellowship) or be junior faculty within 10 years of joining an AMC international site in Sub-Saharan Africa. Preference will be given to fellows in training or new faculty just beginning a research career in HIV malignancies. Applicants must reside in and currently be conducting research in Africa. Awards will be for one or two years (second year dependent on demonstration of adequate progress and participation in AMC activities in the first year). These awards are designed to allow the individual to have dedicated time to participate in the scientific and clinical trials aspects of the AMC. Applicants must pursue research in AIDS-related malignancies in Sub-Saharan Africa. Preference will be given to applicants intending to address research questions that pertain to broad questions of interest in HIV-associated malignancies in Sub-Saharan Africa and are not unique to a specific site or country. The applicant must have the endorsement of the local site AMC PI and a designated clinical research mentor who will supervise the awardee. A letter from the research mentor outlining the course of study and how it will focus on the study of HIV-related cancers must accompany the application and will be part of the evaluation and selection process. Assurance must be given that the awardee will be provided sufficient protected time to pursue research and to participate in AMC activities. Mentors should also provide assurance that they will meet regularly and provide guidance to the individual during the course of the award. Guidance and ongoing interaction with the mentor are critical to the learning process and successful completion of the selected project. Applicants are encouraged to confer with and include a mentor/mentors from outside their institution in addition to a local investigator. The Directors of the AMC Career Enhancement Program are available for consultation and assistance with identifying an additional mentor. Please contact them via email at AMCscholars@emmes.com if interested.

The applicant must also outline a project to be worked on during the first year of the award. Direct funds up to \$20,000 per year will be awarded to the applicant's institution. These funds must be used for the benefit of the scholar's training and participation in AMC activities, and to assure protected research time for the scholar. Funds may be used towards the scholar's salary or other educational or research needs. Scholars will be required to attend AMC Group Investigators' meetings, with travel costs paid separately by the AMC group, to present their research project during the AMC Scholars' Symposium and participate in career development sessions led by the AMC Scholar Directors. Scholars are also encouraged to participate in protocol team and Working Group discussions, as appropriate. A progress report will be required from the scholar prior to the end of the first year of support and at the conclusion of the second year. Review will be performed by the AMC Executive Committee.

Application forms are available and will be accepted once per year. Please join us for an information session on Tuesday, April 19th at 10:00 AM EDT via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 980 0865 4674

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Deadline Date for 2022-23 Applications: July 15, 2022

Announcement of Awardees: August 26, 2022

Award will be made for one year with start date of September 1, 2022 to coincide with the AMC fiscal year.

First Year Progress Report Due: June 1, 2023