

# AMC 2025 Scholar Award Application Instructions

**Background**: The AIDS Malignancy Consortium (AMC) is pleased to announce that it is currently accepting applications for the AMC Scholar program. The scholar program was established to encourage and foster the development of new and junior clinical investigators to pursue careers in clinical research in HIV-associated malignancies within the context of the AMC. These awards are designed to allow the individuals to participate in the scientific and clinical activities of the AMC. Awardees will be required to attend the AMC Group Investigators' meetings which are held twice each year to present their research projects during the AMC Scholars' Symposium and to participate in career development sessions led by the AMC Scholars Directors. Scholars are also encouraged to participate in protocol, team, and Working Group discussions, as appropriate.

**Grant Amount and Timeline**: Grant awards are \$25,000 per year for up to two years. 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).

# **Eligibility Requirements**:

- Applicants must hold one or more of the following degrees:
  - a medical degree (such as a Doctor of Medicine (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (MB, ChB, MB BS, BM MCh, etc.));
  - a PhD in any field relevant to the proposed project;
  - a DrPH in population science (e.g., epidemiology, biostatistics, health outcomes & behavior)
- Applicants must be either undergoing or completing a mentored fellowship (e.g., clinical fellowship, postdoctoral fellowship) and/or equivalent at the time of the award *or* be junior faculty within 10 years of joining the faculty at an AMC site. Preference will be given to fellows in training or new faculty just beginning a research career in HIV malignancies.
- Scholars should have an interest area within the field of AIDS malignancies research.
- Applicants must have the endorsement of a local AMC site PI (see <u>www.AIDSCancer.org</u>) and one or more designated clinical research mentors who will supervise the awardee.
- Applicants must choose an award program(s) for which to apply- domestic (research conducted and/or researcher trained in the United States), international SSA (research conducted and/or researcher trained in Africa), international LATAM (research conducted and/or researcher trained in Latin America), and/ or Lab Translational (domestic or international laboratory-based research focused on HIV malignancies).
- Applicants are encouraged to discuss any eligibility questions with the AMC via email at <u>AMCscholars@emmes.com</u> prior to applying.

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#### **Application Materials**:

- Completion of an application cover page (included).
- Personal statement describing your interest in the AMC and its scholar program, and how you hope to be involved in the work of the AMC during your scholarship. The statement should include your background in oncology, specific area(s) of interest, clinical trials experience and future career goals (2-page maximum, double-spaced, 11pt arial font, ½-inch margins).
- Research project proposal outlining the proposed research and how it will focus on the study of HIV-related cancers. This proposal should include: a title, abstracts-research & lay, specific aims, background & significance, preliminary data (if available), hypotheses, methodology, statistical analysis plan (including sample size), timeline, available resources, and references (5-page maximum excluding the references, single-spaced, 11pt arial font size and ½-inch margins).
- If available and needed for the project, proof of IRB or IACUC approval. If not yet available, please note this must be submitted and approved once the grant is awarded.
- <u>NIH Biosketches</u> of applicant <u>and</u> research mentor(s)
- Letter(s) of support from one research mentor and an AMC investigator (if not the research mentor). Letters from the mentor should describe the training program for the scholar, including any formal and informal teaching in clinical trials or other research training, how frequently the scholar will receive formal face-to-face mentoring, how the trainee will integrate the AMC experience in his/her research project or study area, and any professional advancement opportunities. The mentor must also acknowledge in the letter they have reviewed and agree with the research plan submitted by the applicant. Co-mentors are allowed.

**Funding Restrictions**: Research budgets are not required as part of the application (once awarded, budgets will be required). Direct funds up to \$25,000 per year will be awarded to the applicant's institution for the benefit of the awardee's training and participation in AMC activities. Funds may be used towards the scholar's salary or other educational or research needs. Travel costs to attend the AMC Group Investigators' meetings will be covered by the AMC (and are not included in the award amount).

**Grant Award Criteria**: Progress reports will be required from the scholar prior to the end of the first year of support (by June 1, 2026) and at the conclusion of the second year (August 1, 2027). The report template will be emailed upon award. These reports will be reviewed by the AMC Executive Committee.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until July 14, 2025 at 5:00 PM ET. Decisions will be made and sent out via email by August 29, 2025. The awards will have a start date of September 1, 2025 to coincide with the AMC fiscal year.

Additional Information: If you want to learn more about this program, please join us for an information session on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Teams call information is provided below:

Web Link: Join the meeting now

Call ID: 221 210 591 39

Call Passcode: Sg6nz2km

A recording of this session will be available on the AMC website at <u>www.AIDSCancer.org</u> > <u>Research ></u> <u>Scholar Award</u>.

If you have any questions about the AMC 2025 Scholar Award, please email the AMC at <u>AMCscholars@emmes.com.</u>

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#### AMC 2025 SCHOLAR AWARD APPLICATION CHECKLIST

✓ Please use this list as a guide to be sure you have submitted all necessary documents.

- Complete the application cover page with signed certified applicant statement (included).
- Personal Statement describing your interest in the AMC, its scholar award program, and how you hope to be involved in the work of the AMC during your scholarship. Specific areas to be addressed include your background in medical oncology, specific area(s) of research interest, clinical trials experience and future career goals. (2-page maximum, double-spaced, with an 11-point arial font size and ½-inch margins).
- Complete the Research Project Proposal. The proposed research must be a project that can be completed within the timeframe of the program. The research mentor must review and provide assistance to the applicant on the proposal prior to submission. The research proposal should include the following: Title, Abstracts (Research & Lay), Specific Aims, Background & Significance, Preliminary Data (if available), Hypothesis, Methodology, Statistical Analysis Plan (including sample size), Timeline, Available Resources, and References. (5-page maximum not including references, single-spaced, with an 11-point arial font size and ½-inch margins).
- If available and needed for the project, proof of IRB or IACUC approval. If not yet available, please note this must be submitted and approved once the grant is awarded.
- <u>NIH Biosketch</u> of applicant (Non-Fellowship format).

Letter(s) of Support- one letter from the research mentor (if multiple mentors, a letter is needed from only one mentor); one letter from AMC investigator, if not research mentor. Letters from the mentor should describe the training program for the scholar, including any formal and informal teaching in clinical trials or other research training, how frequently the scholar will receive formal face-to-face mentoring, how the trainee will integrate the AMC experience in his/her research project or study area and any opportunities that may be available for ultimate academic appointment. The mentor must also acknowledge in the letter they have reviewed and agree with the research plan submitted by the applicant.

<u>NIH Biosketch</u> of research mentor(s) (Non-Fellowship format). Do not submit the mentor's CV.

All components of the application (cover page, personal statement, proposal, applicant biosketch, letter(s) of support, and mentor(s) biosketch should be scanned and emailed <u>as one PDF document</u> to the program director at <u>AMCscholars@emmes.com</u> by the application deadline. An application consisting of multiple attachments will not be accepted.

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# AMC 2025 SCHOLAR AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION COVER PAGE

# I. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

#### Name:

First	Middle	Last

#### **Mailing Address:**

Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
City	
State	

#### **Telephone:**

#### E-mail:

Primary

#### Date of Birth:

Month	Day	Year

#### Award program to which you are applying (more than one option can be selected, if applicable):

- Domestic (research conducted and/or researcher trained in the United States)
- International: Sub-Saharan Africa or SSA (research conducted and/or researcher trained in Africa)
- International: Latin America or LATAM (research conducted and/or researcher trained in Latin America)
- Lab Translational (domestic or international laboratory-based research focused on HIV malignancies)

# **II. RESEARCH EXPERIENCE** (*Document in chronological order. Add additional tables as needed. If research experience occurred in an international setting, specify the location.*)

Research Experience	<b>Not Applicable</b>
Advisor/Institution	
Area of Research	
Role/Responsibilities	
Abstracts or Publications	

# III. RESEARCH MENTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please provide the following information for the investigator(s) who will serve as your research mentor(s). *Add additional tables as needed*.

#### Mentor 1

#### Mentor 2 (if applicable)

Name:	Name:
Institution:	Institution:
Title:	Title:
E-mail address:	E-mail address:
Telephone Number:	Telephone Number:

# **IV. PROJECT TITLE**

### Enter project title below:

#### V. OPTIONAL INFORMATION

The AMC Career Enhancement Program Directors would like feedback on topics of interest for presentation during the program. Responses will not be scored or considered by the Executive Committee during their review.

# VI. CERTIFIED APPLICANT STATEMENT

The Applicant certifies that the above information is accurate to the best of their knowledge. The Applicant agrees to utilize the grant funds towards the scholar's salary or research needs as detailed in the project proposal. A typed name will serve as the applicant signature.

#### **Applicant Signature:**

Date: