



## NATIONAL HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION

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### NHF-SHIRE CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

#### \* REQUEST FOR CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS\*

**New Application Deadline: April 4, 2018**

**Award Start Date: July 1, 2018**

Funded by a grant from Shire plc, **the NHF-Shire Clinical Fellowship Program** is intended for physicians who plan to dedicate their careers to providing comprehensive clinical care to individuals with bleeding disorders. The program is also designed to prepare new physicians for future careers in academic medicine, by providing specialized and “mentored” training in an environment that fosters research into the development of improved therapies for hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

It is the aim of the program that graduates will become expert clinicians and role models in the field of hemostasis. Ideal candidates will strive to be leaders who shape health policy and exhibit the potential to become outstanding “mentors” in their own right – able to provide training and support to other clinicians in hemostasis and thrombosis care.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

Fellows are expected to be eligible for subspecialty board certification at the completion of their training program; the two-year NHF Shire Clinical Fellowship may occur at anytime during that sequence. Candidate fellows must have a medical degree or its equivalent by the fellowship award start date. United States citizenship or permanent resident status is required.

Candidates for the NHF-Shire Clinical Fellowship are nominated by the Program Medical Director(s) of their home institution, where “home institution” is defined as a pre-approved clinical training site for “NHF-Shire Fellows”. *(To see a list of the **approved institutions for the NHF-Shire Clinical Fellowship Program**, please visit [www.hemophilia.org](http://www.hemophilia.org)).*

The program’s goals are reached through the provision of intensive and focused training curricula in hemostasis and thrombosis clinical care and in coagulation disorder-related clinical research. The participating institutions offer didactic and experiential training in diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, comprehensive care, and clinical research methodology. Training through this program is provided to fellows by their institutions for up to two years. However, “home” institutions are encouraged to make available a third- and fourth-year fellowship for additional clinical or research-based training.

#### **Funding**

NHF will award up to \$100,000/year, for a maximum of two years, to cover costs related to fellowship training, including stipend and fringe consistent with the salary structure of the “home” institution. Indirect costs may not exceed 8% of the budget and are inclusive of the \$100,000 annual funding threshold for each year of the NHF-Shire Clinical Fellowship.

Continuation of a NHF-Shire Clinical Fellowship for a second year will be contingent upon the timely submission of required progress and financial reports.

Up to \$10,000/year in medical education loan reimbursement is available to fellows (if the fellow enters a career in academic medicine specializing in coagulation disorders). Alternatively, there is the option to request \$20,000 for medical school loan repayment in the first year of this award, so long as no additional funding for medical education is requested in the second year. Additional line items of up to \$2,000/year for travel to educational meetings and up to \$5,000/year for coursework may be requested.

It is permissible for a fellow/applicant to receive additional funding from another source; however, information on any current or pending funding grant sources must be communicated to NHF.

### **Candidate Application Materials**

The following documents in support of the candidate's application are required:

1. Formal endorsement from the "Program Director" of the institution (or medical director of the clinical setting) that the candidate is affiliated with for the NHF-Shire Clinical Fellowship.
2. A narrative of no more than 3 pages summarizing the qualifications of the candidate. This should encompass an assessment of why the applicant institution regards the individual as a promising and appropriate entrant for a career in comprehensive clinic care and research in bleeding disorders.
3. *The candidate's curriculum vitae*
4. A brief one-page statement written by the candidate describing their long-term career goals and how this award will assist them in meeting these objectives.  
Research proposal (\*optional) – include one-half page describing a clinical research or scientific project that the candidate would like to pursue during the award period.
5. *3 Letters of recommendation- from the candidate's:*
  - a. Mentor; b. Current Department Chairperson, and c. Doctoral advisor, former professor, or scientist familiar with candidate's work or potential.
6. Budget proposal (Also known as Appendix A)  
The budget form, 'Appendix A' (available on [www.hemophilia.org](http://www.hemophilia.org)) needs to be submitted along with the candidate's application. The proposed budget should be projected over two years and link directly to the training/work plan. All budgets need to be accompanied by brief line item justification and are subject to NHF committee review.

#### **Unauthorized budget expenses:**

- a. Salary or fringe benefits for anyone other than the fellow.
- b. Salaries, travel, and/or housing related to sabbatical leaves.
- c. Purchase or rental of office equipment (i.e., computers/scanners, furniture, filing cabinets and copy machines).
- d. Consultant costs.
- e. Expenses normally covered by the indirect cost of the fellow's institution.
- f. Membership dues, subscriptions, books, or journals.

### **Change in Status**

The “NHF-Shire Clinical Fellow” and his/her Program Director are expected to remain at their institution for the duration of the award. Candidates moving to non-approved institutions risk forfeiture of the award. In the event of a change in status, applicants are required to immediately notify NHF’s director of research.

### **Submission of Applications:**

NHF-Shire Clinical Fellowship applications must be **received at NHF by no later than 5:00 PM Eastern on April 4, 2018**. Applications that do not arrive at NHF by 5pm ET on the deadline date will not be accepted.

Applications can be emailed directly to ([awang@hemophilia.org](mailto:awang@hemophilia.org)) or sent to:

**Angelina Wang**

**NHF, 7 Penn Plaza - 370 Seventh Ave., Suite 1204, New York, NY 10001**

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that adequate time is allocated to meet the deadline by postal/express delivery. Email submission is permissible so long as all required and/or supplemental attachments are included in a PDF or Word file. Applications sent by email must include required signatures or initials on letters and forms.

### **Inquiries**

Questions regarding the NHF-Shire Clinical Fellowship Program can be answered on NHF’s website [www.hemophilia.org](http://www.hemophilia.org) or by accessing this specific web link:

<https://www.hemophilia.org/Researchers-Healthcare-Providers/Research-Grant-Programs/NHF-Shire-Clinical-Fellowship-Program>

All other inquiries can be directed to Angelina Wang, director of medical programs at NHF, either by email at [awang@hemophilia.org](mailto:awang@hemophilia.org) or by phone at 212-328-3767.

### **Notification of review**

Applications will be subjected to a process of peer review. Applications will be evaluated by a panel selected by NHF’s Research Review Committee and assessed on individual academic background, merit, experience and the proposed clinical training plan/environment. Applications that are incomplete or that do not follow all instructions will not be considered. Final funding approval is granted by NHF.

All applicants will be notified by NHF of the final decisions. If selected, the NHF-Shire Clinical Fellowship recipient will be required to submit an official letter of award acceptance, and enter into an acceptable agreement with NHF outlining specific terms and obligations.