



NATIONAL HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION

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NHF-TAKEDA CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

*** Special Opportunity to Submit Qualified Candidate Nominations***

Nomination Deadline: Tuesday, December 24, 2019

Award Start Date: February 1, 2020

Funded by a grant from Takeda, *the NHF-Takeda 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 high-quality “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 future 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/Takeda 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-Takeda 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-Takeda Fellows”. *(To view a current list of the **pre-approved institutions participating in the NHF-Takeda Clinical Fellowship Program, please visit 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 approved 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 of fellowship for fellows to pursue 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-Takeda Clinical Fellowship.

Continuation of funding for a second year in the NHF-Takeda Clinical Fellowship will be contingent upon the timely submission of required award 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 prospective fellow/applicant to receive additional funding from another source; however, information on any current or pending funding grant sources must be communicated to NHF in a timely manner.

Candidate Application Materials

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

1. **Formal endorsement letter** from the "Program Director" of the institution (or medical director of the clinical setting) that the candidate is affiliated with for the NHF-Takeda 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.
*(*Optional) A brief research proposal* – include one-half page that describes a clinical research or scientific project proposal that you are currently pursuing or might like to undertake during the fellowship award period.
5. **Three 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 referred to as "Appendix A")
This templated form (available on www.hemophilia.org) needs to be completed with the candidate's application. The proposed budget should be projected over two years and linked directly to the work plan. All budgets will be subject to NHF and award committee review. Descriptions of line item justification should be included.

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, books, or journal subscriptions.

Change in Status

The "NHF-Takeda Fellow" and his/her Program Director are expected to remain at their institution for the duration of the award. Candidates moving or transferring to non-approved institutions will risk forfeiture of the award. In the event of a change in status, applicants/fellows are required to immediately notify NHF's Department of Medical Programs.

Submission of Nomination Packets:

NHF-Takeda Clinical Fellowship nominations **must be received by no later than 12:00 PM Eastern time on Thursday, December 24, 2019. Nomination packets should be emailed directly to awang@hemophilia.org**. All required and supplemental documents should be included as PDF or Word file attachments. Applications sent by email must also include the necessary initials/or signatures on letters and forms. Nominations sent in after the deadline date/time will not be accepted.

Notification of decision

All nominations will be subject to a process of peer review. Nomination packets 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. Nomination packets that are incomplete or that do not follow all instructions will not be considered. Final funding approval is granted by NHF.

All candidates will be notified by NHF of the final decision. When selected, the NHF-Takeda Clinical Fellowship award recipient will be asked to submit a formal letter of award acceptance and enter into an acceptable agreement with NHF outlining specific terms and additional obligations for the award.

Inquiries

Questions regarding the NHF-Takeda Clinical Fellowship Program can be answered on NHF's website www.hemophilia.org or by accessing the following direct [link](#).

[\[https://www.hemophilia.org/Researchers-Healthcare-Providers/Research-Grant-Programs/NHF-Takeda-Clinical-Fellowship-Program\]](https://www.hemophilia.org/Researchers-Healthcare-Providers/Research-Grant-Programs/NHF-Takeda-Clinical-Fellowship-Program)

All other inquiries can be directed to Angelina Wang, NHF Director of Medical Programs at awang@hemophilia.org or by phone at 212-328-3767.