



## NATIONAL HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION

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### NHF-TAKEDA CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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

**New Application Deadline: Friday, June 23, 2023**

**Award Start Date: September 1, 2023**

Funded by a generous 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 any time 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. Individuals with a faculty level appointment are not eligible for this award.

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 access a current list of pre-approved institutions participating in the NHF-Takeda Clinical Fellowship Program, please scroll to the end of this [website page](#).***

The program’s goals are attained 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). 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 budget 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 bolded items in support of the candidate 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 three 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 clinical fellowship award will assist them in meeting these objectives.  
*[\*Optional add-on – Include a one-half page that briefly describes a clinical research or scientific project proposal that you are interested in pursuing, currently engaged in, or might like to undertake during your fellowship award.]*
5. **A ½ page summary** written by the mentor that details the training plan for the “Clinical Fellow” based on the institution’s approved ‘Training Site’ application or any additional information on how the Center has modified their training program since the last Center approval.
6. **Three Letters of recommendation** - from the candidate’s:
  - a. Mentor; b. Current Department Chairperson, and c. Doctoral advisor, or former professor, or scientist/clinician familiar with candidate’s work or potential.
7. **Budget Proposal** (also referred to as “Appendix A” – is provided on NHF’s CF webpage)

The templated budget form needs to be submitted with all candidate applications. The proposed budget should be projected over two years and linked directly to the work plan. Descriptions of line-item justification should be included for added clarity. All budgets will be subject to review by NHF and the peer committee.

**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

**Changes in Status**

The "NHF-Takeda Fellow" and his/her Program Director are both expected to remain at their institution for the duration of the fellowship award. Award recipients that move or transfer to non-approved institutions will risk forfeiture of this award. If a 'change in status' to either the candidate or the Program Director occurs at any point during the application process, then the candidate is required to immediately notify Angelina Wang of NHF.

**Submission of Nomination Packets:**

NHF-Takeda Clinical Fellowship nominations **must be received by no later than 5:00 PM Eastern on Friday, June 23, 2023. Completed application packets need to be emailed directly to Angelina Wang at [awang@hemophilia.org](mailto:awang@hemophilia.org).** Each packet should include all required and supplemental documentation consolidated into 1 PDF or Word file attachment, if possible. Applications should have all the initials/or appropriate signatures needed on letters and forms. **Nomination packets that do not arrive by 5pm ET on the deadline date will not be accepted.**

**Notification of Decision**

All nominations will be subject to a rigorous peer review process. Candidate packets will be evaluated by a select panel of NHF's Research Review Committee, a volunteer body composed of clinician-researchers. Candidates will be assessed on individual academic background, merit, experience, and the proposed clinical training plan/environment. Nomination packets that are submitted 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. If selected, the NHF-Takeda Clinical Fellowship award recipient will be asked to submit an official letter of award acceptance and enter into an agreement with NHF outlining additional terms and policy obligations for the award.

**Additional Inquiries**

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

All other inquiries can be sent to Angelina Wang, director of medical programs at NHF, via email at [awang@hemophilia.org](mailto:awang@hemophilia.org).