



IARC POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR TRAINING IN CANCER RESEARCH

The call for applications for IARC Postdoctoral Fellowships in 2023-2025 is now open until midnight CET on 10 December 2022. This call is both for IARC postdoctoral fellows in any fitting area of cancer research, as well as for two specific fellows for cancer research in children, teenagers, and young adults.

IARC Postdoctoral Fellowships in Cancer Research: Candidates from low-and middle income countries (**LMICs**) are invited to prepare their research proposal in line with the priorities of the Agency as defined in IARC's current medium-term strategy.

IARC Postdoctoral Fellowships focusing on cancers in children, teenagers and young adults (0 to 24 years, supported by Children with Cancer UK): Candidates from **LMICs** are invited to prepare their research proposal focusing on paediatric cancers or teenagers and young adults cancers (up to 24) and in line with the priorities of the Agency as defined in IARC's current medium-term strategy.

The major areas of activity are focused on understanding cancer etiology (including infections, nutrition, lifestyle, environment, radiation, genetics), developing strategies for cancer prevention (primary prevention, screening, implementation research) and elucidating the underlying mechanisms of carcinogenesis through studies of molecular and cell biology, molecular genetics, epigenetics and molecular pathology. The Agency also has strong programmes dedicated to describing the global cancer burden and to the evaluation of carcinogenicity or preventive interventions through its Monographs and Handbooks of Cancer Prevention respectively.

Fellowships are tenable at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in Lyon, France. The fellowship is for a period of **two years** (a brief interim report as part of the 1st year of your Fellowship as well as a final report at the end will be required).

Eligibility criteria are the following:

- Nationalities from LMICs only
- PhD degree to be obtained within five years of the application deadline or by the time of starting the fellowship
- Candidates with a MD can also apply, but should have obtained a MPH degree or similar additional training and already have research experience
- Proficiency in English at a level sufficient for scientific communication required
- 2 reference letters (from at least one current or former supervisor) to be submitted by the deadline of application; reference letters should not be older than a year at the time of the application deadline and provide an overview of academic and/or professional achievements

- The fit and feasibility of the research proposal with the IARC supervisor and the chosen Host Branch is essential
- Candidates currently at IARC as postdoctoral scientists, or candidates who have been at the Agency as postdoctoral scientist or as doctoral student for a period greater than six months, cannot be considered

The chosen IARC supervisor and Branch can be contacted via the general e-mail address available under “Personnel” in each Research Branch: <https://www.iarc.who.int/branches/>.

Fellowships should be taken up before the end of 2023. The current IARC postdoctoral stipend is € 2,820 per month. The cost of travel for the awardee, and in certain circumstances for dependants, will be met. Dependence and health insurance allowances will be paid, if applicable. IARC Postdoctoral Fellows have access to a wide spectrum of scientific disciplines and to a unique network of collaborators across the world. IARC welcomes around 60 postdoctoral scientists and fellows, at any time, distributed across the Agency. For more information please consult our [FAQs](#) and our [Postdoctoral charter](#).

Depending on certain conditions, Fellows will be able to apply for an IARC return grant of max. 10,000 Euros during the second year of their Fellowship in order to start up an independent research programme linked to IARC’s activities upon return to their LMI country of origin.

More application details can be found at the beginning of our [online application form](#) under “preparing your application”.

Applications are to be submitted [online](#) by midnight CET on 10 December 2022.

Queries about the fellowship and application should be sent to fel@iarc.who.int.