



IARC MID-CAREER VISITING SCIENTIST AWARD

The call for applications for the IARC Visiting Scientist Award aimed at mid-career scientists is now open until midnight CET on 9 May 2025.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) is the specialized cancer Agency of the World Health Organization (WHO). Based in Lyon, France, IARC is inter-disciplinary, bringing together skills in epidemiology, laboratory sciences and biostatistics to identify the causes of cancer so that preventive measures may be adopted, and the burden of the disease and associated suffering reduced. It provides a unique career development environment for scientists at all levels, with the opportunity to gain experience in research from a truly global perspective.

This exciting opportunity is for a qualified and experienced mid-career investigator from a low- and middle income country (LMIC) who wishes to come to IARC and drive a collaborative project in a research area related to the Agency's strategy and programmes. The award supports a 6-month period at IARC (continuous or split in 2 parts according to the needs of the project).

The major areas of activity are focused on understanding cancer etiology and underlying mechanisms (including infections, nutrition, lifestyle, environment, radiation, genetics), as well as developing strategies for cancer prevention (primary prevention, screening, implementation research). 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.

Eligibility criteria are the following:

- Candidates must have a nationality from a [LMIC](#) and live and work in a LMIC
- PhD degree (*¹) obtained more than 5 years and less than 15 years ago of the application deadline
- Candidates with a MD (*²) obtained more than 5 years and less than 15 years ago of the application deadline can also apply, but should have obtained a MPH degree or similar additional training and already have some research experience and publications
- Applicants must belong to the staff of a university, research or public institution and must provide written assurance of a post to return to for the period after their Award
- Two reference letters are required to be submitted by the deadline of application, as well as proof of recent publications in international peer-reviewed scientific journals
- A research proposal (*³) that is feasible, supported by and is a good fit with IARC's strategy and with IARC Host Branch/collaborator is essential
- Candidates currently/having been at IARC as visiting scientist or postdoctoral scientist, are not eligible.

Candidates are requested to contact the relevant Research Branches to discuss a collaborative project. The relevant IARC collaborator and Branch can be contacted via the generic e-mail address available under "Personnel" – "contact information" in each Research Branch:

<https://www.iarc.who.int/branches/>

The monthly stipend is € 2,820 net. The cost of travel for the Awardee, and in certain circumstances for dependents, will be met. The stay should take place **between November 2025 and end of October 2027**.

Applications are to be submitted online by midnight CET on 9 May 2025. More application details can be found at the beginning of our [online application form](#) under “preparing your application” and more information in our [FAQs](#).

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

*1 If your application is retained for an interview, you will be required to provide, in advance, a scanned copy of the degree(s) for this position. IARC/WHO only considers higher educational qualifications obtained from an institution accredited/recognized in the World Higher Education Database (WHED), a list updated by the International Association of Universities (IAU/United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The list can be accessed through the link: <http://www.whed.net>. Some professional certificates may not appear in the WHED and will require individual review.

*2 MD stands for Doctor of Medicine. It is a designation that indicates someone who has completed medical school. To be an MD, you must finish medical school and receive another three years of training through residency OR training in a specialized field of medicine.

*3 **WARNING**

Your application must be your own. It is not allowed to use Artificial Intelligence noting that a tool will be used to scrutinize your answers. Clearly indicate the references of any material you use from any source. Plagiarism is a serious offence, and, as IARC expects the highest standards of integrity from its personnel, is entirely unacceptable conduct. Therefore, if it is found that you have failed to reference material from any source, including the internet, intranet, IARC publications and academic material (including that to which you contributed), it will lead to the disqualification of your application.