



HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE
International Research Scholars Program

Grants for Biomedical Research

BALTICS, CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, RUSSIA, AND UKRAINE

2005

Five-year basic biomedical research grants: \$50,000–\$100,000 per year
Application deadline: November 17, 2004
Awards announcement: December 2005

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM MISSION

Through its International Program, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute seeks to build the strongest foundation of scientific knowledge and capability by creating a global network of scientists who make important contributions outside the U.S. research community. We support these leaders in their home countries to facilitate the application and dissemination of their knowledge and to strengthen research environments and educational opportunities.

ELIGIBILITY

- The supported research must be conducted in one of the following 13 eligible countries. Researchers may not be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

Bulgaria	Poland
Croatia	Romania
Czech Republic	Russia
Estonia	Slovak Republic
Hungary	Slovenia
Latvia	Ukraine
Lithuania	

- Grants are awarded for fundamental biomedical research on basic biological processes and disease mechanisms. Eligible epidemiology research includes that directed toward an understanding of disease distribution in populations or of associations that may suggest causality or preventive strategies. *Clinical trials and research on health education, health care delivery, or health services are not eligible fields.*
- Applicants must hold a full-time appointment or have a pending appointment at a nonprofit scientific research organization in any one of the 13 eligible countries and have made significant contributions in fundamental research on basic biological processes or disease mechanisms (including disease-oriented and patient-oriented research).
- Applicants must be active researchers without major administrative duties who devote most of their professional time to research, mentoring, and teaching. The awards are intended for scientists whose research careers are still developing rather than for those in the later phases of a distinguished career.
- Applicants must provide evidence of their research achievements by providing references for a minimum of three scientific articles published since 1999 in peer-reviewed English-language biomedical journals.

GRANT AWARDS

- Each grant is for a term of five years, expected to be from early 2006 to the end of 2010, and provides between \$50,000 and \$100,000 annually. Approximately 40 grants will be awarded.

- The grants are designed to support the research of talented scientists in their home countries. Allowable expense categories include salaries and stipends for award recipients, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and technicians, equipment and supplies, travel, and publication costs. Grant funds may not be used for laboratory renovations. Up to 10 percent of the grant may be used to pay for indirect costs (including administrative costs) of the scientist's institution.
- In recognition of the importance of the intellectual environment in which international research scholars conduct their research and the limited research resources available in some circumstances, a portion of each grant must be allocated to shared resources, with the goal of enriching the general scientific environment in the scholar's department.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOLARS

- Scholars are required to submit annual progress reports on their research, and the grantee institution is required to submit annual financial reports. All reports must be submitted via the Web.
- Scholars are expected to participate in the scientific meetings sponsored by the Institute. These meetings are designed to facilitate the exchange of ideas, stimulate new research, and provide the opportunity for collaborative endeavors within the Institute's scientific community.
- International research scholars selected in this competition must agree to spend at least eight months of each year in their own countries.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- Evaluation of the applications will be based on the applicant's record of research accomplishments, his or her promise for future contributions to scientific knowledge and research capacity (the potential impact of the funding on the scientist, the laboratory, the institution, and the broader research community), and the scientific merit of the proposed project. *Country of residence relates only to eligibility. It is not a selection criterion, and the Institute does not ensure that grants will be awarded in all eligible countries.*

- All applications must be submitted through HHMI's Web-based competition system. Only one application from each individual will be accepted. Applications are accepted from individuals only; two or more applicants may not submit a joint application.
- All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the competition in late 2005. Neither the status of applications during the review process nor comments of reviewers will be provided.

For any questions about this competition, contact program staff by e-mail at bceeru@hhmi.org.

To submit an application, go to HHMI's Web-based competition system at www.hhmi.org/grants/gcs. The login ID is *guest*, and the password is *register*.

ABOUT THE HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute is a nonprofit medical research organization dedicated to biomedical research and education. Its principal objectives are the advancement of fundamental knowledge in the biomedical sciences and the application of that knowledge to alleviate disease and promote health. In addition to employing approximately 300 independent investigators who conduct research in Institute laboratories at more than 70 leading academic medical centers, hospitals, and universities throughout the United States, HHMI supports an International Research Scholars Program that awards research grants to highly qualified biomedical scientists abroad. Since the inception of the International Research Scholars Program in 1991, the Institute has awarded more than \$100 million to support the work of outstanding scientists in 32 countries.

Additional information about HHMI's International Research Scholars Program can be found at www.hhmi.org/grants/office/intlprog/.

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