

UC TRAC GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Who is eligible for the UC TRAC Global Fellowship Program?

Applicants must be:

- In the process of obtaining (or have obtained) a Doctoral level degree (ex. MD, PhD, MBBS, DrPH)
- Engaged in TB-focused research
- From and working in a Low- and Middle-income country (LMIC) country with a high burden of TB
- Planning to be or affiliated with a current University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) or University of California, Berkeley (UCB) faculty or research project

Can applicants apply who will require a new IRB/ethical approval for research?

No. Due to extended lengths of time to be granted ethical clearances/IRBs for new projects, we are unable to sponsor projects that would require a new IRB application. However, projects that have an existing IRB and would just need to add a new key personnel would still be eligible.

What is involved in the application process for the Global Fellowship Program?

Applicants should submit a completed application form along with an [NIH-style biosketch](#) to info@uctrac.org. Applicants should work closely with their in-country and UC-linked mentors to develop the proposal included in the application, and detail what they are planning to do and achieve during their fellowship (including planned stipend expenses, travel, meetings, etc.)

What is the role of UCSF/UC Berkeley Mentors in the applicant's application process?

The UCSF or UC Berkeley mentor should submit a Letter of Reference to info@uctrac.org on letterhead detailing the involvement (or planned involvement) of the applicant in their research project, and institutional support of the applicant upon entry into program. The UCSF/UC Berkeley Mentor should work closely with the applicants to ensure their application proposal is aligned to the contents included in their Letter of Reference. Letters should be no more than 500 words.

What is the role of the in-county Site Mentor in the applicant's application process?

Site mentors should submit a Letter of Reference to info@uctrac.org on their institutional letterhead detailing the Global Fellow's interest and work in TB with a description of how they will support the applicant in achieving their goals of the fellowship. Letters should be no more than 500 words.

What expenses are allowable for the Global Fellowship funding?

The funding provides up to \$10,000 USD that can be put forth to professional development, research-related fees, and site visits including:

- Conference registration fees
- Publication fees
- Travel for conferences/site visits to UCSF/UC Berkeley
- Software
- Memberships to professional societies
- Travel for conferences (if adequately justified)

Can the funding be used for indirect costs?

No. Funding awards are for direct costs only.