



THE DEAN'S POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AT HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL is a two-year research fellowship established to nurture, advance, and retain a diverse scientific workforce that will continue to contribute to diversity through their ongoing academic and research scholarship. The fellowship program prepares scientists from groups historically underrepresented in the basic and social sciences for careers in academia and other sectors. Fellows benefit from a highly innovative and creative research environment that emphasizes scientific rigor, collaboration, and the pursuit of excellence in science.

BENEFITS

The two-year fellowship provides funding in the amount of \$50,000/year, and DPF fellows are eligible for Harvard's generous benefits package. They receive additional opportunities for career enhancement, mentorship, seminars, workshops, and conferences, along with a robust support network, through the Harvard Medical School Scholars in Translational and Academic Research (HMS STARS) program.

ELIGIBILITY

- Have an MD, MD/PhD, PhD, ScD, or equivalent degree in the basic or social sciences.
- Have United States citizenship or permanent resident status.
- Come from a background that is historically underrepresented in the basic and social sciences.
- Have no more than two years of postdoctoral experience.

ELIGIBLE DEPARTMENTS

Fellows conduct research with faculty within the basic and social science departments at Harvard Medical School. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to a faculty member or research laboratory within the basic and social science departments and discuss their interest.

[Biological Chemistry & Molecular Pharmacology](#)

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APPLICATION PROCESS

The online application for the Dean's Postdoctoral Fellowship is available on the DICI website at www.mfdp.med.harvard.edu/deanspostdoc. Applicants need to submit the online form, which includes a cover letter, CV, and a statement that makes the connection between the mission of the Fellowship and their research interests and professional goals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Three letters of recommendation are required, one of which must be from the applicant's thesis advisor. For those who have held a postdoc position, the second letter must be from their postdoc advisor.

DEADLINE

Applications are accepted starting January 1, 2022 and must be completed no later than April 15, 2022.

SELECTION

Applications are reviewed by a committee comprised of Harvard Medical School faculty and administrators. Fellows are selected on the basis of their demonstrated academic achievement, scholarly promise, commitment to research, potential to add to the diversity of the Harvard Medical School community, and the likelihood that the individual may become an independent scientist and societal leader who, upon the completion of the fellowship, will continue to contribute to diversity through their ongoing academic and research scholarship.

CONTACT

Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Jorge Fortin, Program Coordinator, Dean's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program at dicip_deanspostdoc@hms.harvard.edu with any questions.