



IARC MID-CAREER VISITING SCIENTIST AWARD

We are extremely pleased to announce a new IARC Visiting Scientist Award, aimed at mid-career scientists. The deadline for this first call is 10 December 2022.

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.

The Agency is now offering the exciting new opportunity of an IARC Mid-Career Visiting Scientist Award. **This Award 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 programmes and [current medium-term strategy \(MTS\)](#) for a period of between 6 and 12 months.**

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.

Eligibility criteria are the following:

- Candidates must have a nationality from a [LMIC](#) and live and work in a LMIC
- PhD degree must have been obtained more than 5 years and less than 15 years ago (except for non-work periods e.g. due to sick leave, pregnancy, etc.). Candidates with a MD are eligible but should have obtained a PhD degree, or MPH or/and similar additional research experience
- 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 by present/former supervisor as well as proof of recent publications in international peer-reviewed scientific journals
- A research proposal that is feasible, supported by and is a good fit with IARC's MTS and with IARC Host Branch/collaborator are essential
- IARC personnel (ECVSs, staff) currently at IARC 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 general e-mail address available under "Personnel" in each Research Branch:

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

The monthly stipend will be 2,820 euros. The cost of travel for the Awardee, and in certain circumstances for dependents, will be met. The Award should be taken up **no later than 30 November 2023**.

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