

HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE  
International Research Scholars Program

Grants for Biomedical Research

# CANADA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA

2006



Five-year basic biomedical research grants: \$50,000–\$100,000 per year  
Application deadline: September 14, 2005  
Awards announcement: October 2006

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#### INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM MISSION

Through its International Program, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute seeks to support individual scientists of the highest quality in their home countries and to join them with each other and with other scientists in the HHMI community to create an international network of scientific excellence. HHMI's support of these leaders in their home countries aims to encourage the most creative researchers, to help disseminate their work, and to strengthen their research environments and educational opportunities.

## ELIGIBILITY

- The supported research must be conducted in one of the following eight eligible countries:

Argentina	Mexico
Brazil	Peru
Canada	Uruguay
Chile	Venezuela

- 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 full-time appointment at a nonprofit scientific research organization in any one of the eight 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 five scientific articles published since 2000 in peer-reviewed English-language biomedical journals.

## GRANT AWARDS

- Each grant is for a term of five years, expected to be from early 2007 to the end of 2011, 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 scientific merit of the proposal, the applicant's record of research accomplishments, and his or her promise for future contributions. Consideration will also be given to the potential impact of the funding on the scientist, the laboratory, the institution, and the broader research community. *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 will be accepted from each individual. Applications are accepted from individuals only; two or more applicants may not submit a single application jointly.

- All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the competition in October 2006. Neither the status of applications during the review process nor comments of reviewers will be provided.

## INFORMATION

For questions about this competition, contact program staff by e-mail at [canlatam@hhmi.org](mailto:canlatam@hhmi.org).

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

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The Howard Hughes Medical Institute is a 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.

Through its grants and special programs, HHMI seeks to strengthen science education and biomedical research by supporting current and future leaders to advance scientific knowledge, develop educational products, and implement outstanding educational practices.

The International Research Scholars Program 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/international](http://www.hhmi.org/grants/office/international).

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