

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What experience will I get from this fellowship?

During the research year at the Bayer facility, the fellows will be paired with a Bayer scientist who will serve as their mentor. Research conducted during this fellowship will provide the fellows with the opportunity to gain experience in drug development and understand challenges in early-stage and late-stage clinical research. Opportunities for publication and presentation of the research will be also provided.

Time to be spent at the Bayer over this one-year period can be flexible and is determined upon mutual agreement between the selected fellow and Bayer. Any questions regarding the time spent at the Bayer facility should be directed to AACR's Scientific Review and Grants Administration department.

2. Does my research subject qualify for application to this grant?

Please note that these grants are not intended to support the fellow's current research. Rather they are designed to support the salary and benefits of the fellow while they conduct research onsite at the Bayer facility.

3. I am currently conducting a fellowship outside of the U.S. Can I still apply?

Individuals enrolled in a fellowship program or practicing medicine outside the United States are not eligible to apply. At the start of the grant term, applicants must be working at an academic, medical, or research institution within the United States.

4. I received my medical degree outside of the U.S., and I am currently doing research in the U.S. I am not licensed to practice in the U.S. Can I still apply?

Applicants who received their medical degrees from foreign institutions, but reside in the U.S. and have extensive background in research and development in the U.S. are eligible to apply.

5. I must attend a continuity outpatient clinic to fulfill my medical education requirements. Can I still apply? Can arrangements be made to complete my clinical work while I am onsite at Bayer?

Applicants who will require special arrangements to complete their clinical duties during the course of the grant term should contact AACR's Scientific Review and Grants Administration department before submitting an application. AACR will work with applicants and Bayer to determine whether accommodations can be made to facilitate this training while onsite at Bayer.

6. If selected as a grant recipient, will I be considered a Bayer employee while onsite at my assigned Bayer facility?

No, the fellow will still be affiliated with and considered an employee of their academic institution during the grant term. At no time during the grant term will the grantee be considered an employee of Bayer.

7. When will I be assigned a Bayer mentor?

The Bayer mentor will be appointed at the time of the award.

8. According to the program guidelines, a stipend will be provided to allow the fellow to travel to the Bayer site prior to start to secure accommodations. This stipend will also cover necessary costs for the fellow to travel to and from the Bayer site for the one-year term. What does the stipend cover? Is this considered a discretionary stipend or does it need to be itemized?

This stipend is intended to allow the fellow to travel to the Bayer site prior to the start of the term to secure housing accommodations needed for the one-year grant term. In addition, this stipend also will cover necessary costs for the fellow to travel to the Bayer site at the beginning of the grant term spent onsite, and to return home at the conclusion of the grant term. The total amount of the stipend will be determined on a case-by-case basis, and will be dependent upon the distance travelled by the fellow, but will be no more than \$7,500. Housing costs during the one-year term are the responsibility of the fellow.

This stipend will be provided by Bayer separate from the grant funding. The fellow and Bayer shall arrange directly with each other for the appropriate amount of such stipend and for payment through Bayer's expense reimbursement system.

9. Will I be assisted with housing at the Bayer site?

Bayer will provide a flat, fixed rate of \$2,500/month, which would be available to fellows who would require relocation in order to work at the Bayer facility in Cambridge, MA. Relocation support to find local housing can be provided.

10. What will a typical week be like while onsite at Bayer?

The fellow will have the opportunity to shadow a Bayer clinical development physician on their various activities, including meetings with project and study teams. This includes discussions on various topics (e.g., Regulatory strategy, Statistics, Marketing, Clinical Operations) with key stakeholders. Depending on the background of the fellow, additional focus areas can also be provided (e.g., preclinical research, biomarker discovery).

The spectrum of activities is highly diverse, and may include:

- Assignment to a particular study in order to gain focused, practical experience in the initiation and conduct of clinical research studies
- Work with the study team to address questions from investigators, clinical sites, and IRBs during study initiation
- Review Investigator Initiated Research proposals (IIRs) and participate in GCIS meetings when the proposed research is discussed
- Work with the Clinical team to develop a Clinical Development Plan and Life Cycle Management
- Develop study protocols, and participate in the protocol review (FPR) for approval
- Potential licensing assessments and advisory board as appropriate

The candidate will have the opportunity to develop expertise of all that is required to take a drug into the clinic and to register a drug globally (preclinical to commercialization) including developing an understanding of preclinical research, biomarker strategy, and study design in clinical phases 1-3 (depending on their interest). There will be the potential of becoming an expert on the clinical candidate(s) being followed, in terms of understanding the competitor landscape, and the underlying science and biomarker strategy.

11. Who should I contact if I have a question that is not listed here?

Please contact AACR's Scientific Review and Grants Administration department (AACR's SRGA) at grants@aacr.org.