



CBFP

CTR Biosciences Fellowship Program

Program Summary

Program Goal	To promote biological safety and security (BS&S) by increasing technical capacity for biological scientists in the Middle East and South Asia (MESA) region, and to establish a regional network for sustainable cooperation on laboratory diagnosis and BS&S standards.
Application Deadline	1 December 2019
Who Should Apply	<p>Early to mid-career biological scientists working in government ministries, government-operated biological science laboratories, and/or research and diagnostic facilities in the following countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iraq • Jordan • Lebanon <p>Note: Applicants must be citizens and live in the countries listed above. Applicants from universities and private laboratories will be considered on a case-by-case basis.</p>
Fellowship Focus Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dangerous human, animal, and zoonotic infectious diseases • Pathogens of security concern • Modern infectious disease diagnostic techniques • Epidemiological surveillance and reporting of dangerous human and animal infectious diseases • Application and institutionalization of internationally accepted principles and best practices of BS&S • Application and institutionalization of One Health principles and approaches • Detection, diagnosis, and reporting of infectious diseases caused by especially dangerous pathogens and pathogens of security concern
Education Requirements	A Bachelor of Science degree is required. Applicants with Master of Science or PhD degrees are preferred.
Expertise Requirements	Laboratory operations, research, and diagnostics.
Language Requirements	English language proficiency in verbal and written communication, sufficient for routine work.
Where to Apply	<p>All applications must be e-mailed to CBFP@crdfglobal.org.</p> <p>Please visit http://www.crdglobal.org/funding-opportunities/CBFP for additional information resources.</p>
Preliminary Decision Announcement	On or before 1 March 2020.
Final Fellowship Approvals	March-August 2020. (Fellowships will not begin before September 2020.)
Application Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Application Form (attached to this announcement) • Letter of Support (see specific requirements under “Program Details” on page 2) • Scanned, color copy of current passport • Current resume or CV

Program Details

On behalf of the Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP) of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Biosciences Fellowship Program (CBFP) will award up to 12 fellowships to candidates from the three participating countries: Iraq, Jordan, and Lebanon. Selected fellows will conduct a science fellowship for four to six months at a host institution in a country different than their home country. The selection is based on the needs and interests of the fellow and the capabilities and expertise of the host institution. Funding for this fellowship program is provided by DTRA.

As described in the Application Checklist above, in addition to the completed application form, scanned copy of current passport, and current CV, applicants are required to submit an **official letter of support, on official letterhead, signed and dated by their supervisor confirming their approval of the applicant's participation in the program. The letter of support should clearly state: applicant's full name, applicant's position title, institution name, intended fellowship focus area, and supervisor's consent to fellowship duration.**

Individuals seeking acceptance into the program must:

- Submit a completed application and required supporting documents
- Demonstrate adequate proficiency in English (speaking, writing and reading) to communicate with peers in the host institutions
- Pass a medical exam and receive medical clearance
- Prove eligibility for the appropriate visa as determined by the host country

CBFP will make all necessary travel arrangements and accommodations (travel, lodging, medical insurance and living stipends) for all selected fellows for the duration of the fellowship.

After a preliminary selection process identifies the best candidates, these individuals will undergo a host matching process and an official United States Government (USG) review of their candidacies. Final fellowship approval is contingent upon a successful match between a fellow and a host institution, as well as USG approval. The CBFP team has an extensive network of scientists, experts, laboratories and research facilities, and will match selected fellows' research interests with a suitable host research institution.

Applicants must currently reside in their country of permanent residence and will be required to return after program completion.

Timeline

- 4 October 2019: Call for applications opens
- 1 December 2019: Call for applications closes
- 1 March 2020: Preliminary fellow selection announcement
- March-August 2020: Final fellowship approvals

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The CBFP looks forward to receiving application submissions. Please circulate this announcement within your professional networks. For email inquiries, or to submit your application, contact: CBFP@crdfglobal.org.

Please visit <http://www.crdfglobal.org/funding-opportunities/CBFP> for additional application resources.

Fellows will be required to provide regular reports and updates during their fellowships and a final report upon completion of the program. Fellows should also be prepared to discuss their experiences and accomplishments with other fellows and to report back to program funders and relevant institutions on how they will apply or have started to apply their new skills after they return to their home countries.

Applications should be submitted to CBFP@crdfglobal.org no later than

**1 December 2019
23:59 U.S. Eastern Time (ET)**

Thank you for your interest in the CTR Biosciences Fellowship Program!