



2023-2024 NIH Climate and Health Scholars Program

Overview: [The National Institutes of Health Climate Change and Health Initiative](#) is seeking to bring Climate and Health scientists from outside the U.S. federal government to work with NIH staff to share their knowledge and help build NIH capacity in the scientific domains outlined in the NIH Climate Change and Health Initiative's [Strategic Framework](#).

Program Details: Climate and Health (CH) Scholars will be hosted by an NIH home Institute, Center, or Office (ICO). During their time at NIH, the Scholar will be invited to collaborate with NIH staff on one or more of a diverse array of research, training, and other relevant activities to share their scientific knowledge with NIH laboratories, program offices, and the wider NIH community. There will be opportunities for individual or group research collaborations to develop between the Scholar and NIH intramural and extramural scientists.

The 2023-2024 Scholar position can be virtual, on-site, or a hybrid placement. Preference will be agreed upon with the host NIH ICO. The program is flexible to accommodate scholars' preferred schedule of work at NIH. Scholars will be expected to dedicate 25% of their time over a 12-month period, and hours/schedule will be discussed during the interview process.

Possible NIH Hosts: Multiple intramural laboratory and extramural program research groups have expressed interest in hosting a CH Scholar. Opportunities may exist as well to work with an ICO Office of the Director or Policy Office. Each scholar will have a host ICO but should plan to engage in NIH-wide activities and cross-ICO collaborations. *A list of possible host ICOs and activities will be made available on the NIH Climate Change and Health Initiative [webpage](#).* This list will not delineate the full spectrum of possible ICO engagements, and if you do not see an area of interest listed, please reach out to CHScholars@nih.gov for more information. There may be opportunity to engage in other activities beyond the list.

Eligibility: U.S.-based or international scientists from the academic, non-profit, or private sectors can apply. Candidates (Ph.D. or M.D.) can be mid-career to senior scientists and should have a strong publication record in **climate science, related physical sciences, or climate and health sciences** including but not limited to basic, clinical, translational, population, social/behavioral, and/or implementation sciences. This is not a postdoctoral training program. Candidates do not need to have an NIH funding record. Scholars who have served in past terms are not eligible.

Application Information: To apply, please email a biosketch, resume, cover letter, and two reference letters to CHScholars@nih.gov. *Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to reach out via the CH scholars email address to discuss areas of interest with program staff in advance of submitting a formal application.*

Within the biosketch, please provide:

- your full name, position title, and affiliation
- a summary of your education/training (*institution, degree if applicable, completion date, and field of study*)
- a completed list of publications relevant to the field of climate and health
- a list of invited talks or presentations relevant to climate and health, if any
- your contributions to the science of climate and/or health
- any research support (*ongoing or past*)
- any other areas you wish to highlight



Within the cover letter please provide:

- a description of how your research and expertise match the mission of one or more of the NIH ICOs and would build their climate and health capacity
- the details of which host office, laboratory, and/or collaborator(s) you hope to work with, if known
- a vision statement describing your research focus, and what you would like to accomplish during your time at NIH, as well as an overview of your interest in being a CH Scholar and how your area of expertise would help build climate and health capacity and understanding at one or more of the NIH ICOs, as it relates to the ICO's mission
- a proposed work schedule (timeline/hours)
- your physical location preference (e.g., virtual, on-campus, hybrid, etc.)
- any details of financial and research resources you would need to have a successful experience

Within the reference letters, ensure the following is addressed by your referrer:

- ability to share knowledge and build capacity
- ability to collaborate across scientific disciplines and expertise areas, as well as engage in new and unfamiliar climate and health topics
- a short description of your work with the candidate in climate and health related topics

Applications are requested by **July 15, 2023** via email to CHScholars@nih.gov.

Compensation and Benefits: A stipend may be available on a case-by-case basis. Travel and living expenses for on-site engagement can be made available. In the past, the Scholars Program has covered travel to the NIH campus, publication fees, and conference registration for scholars if related to their work as a NIH CH Scholar.

Program Contacts: Please contact CHScholars@nih.gov for more information.

Potential Engagement: Examples of the type of activities that can be accomplished while being a NIH Climate and Health Scholar will be made available on the [NIH Climate Change and Health Initiative webpage](#). Below are specific examples of activities that have occurred thus far in the program.

NIH-Wide Activities:

- Presented a public scientific lecture on a topic in their area of expertise as part of the [NIH Climate Change and Health Seminar Series](#)
- Attended the NIH-wide Climate Change and Health Working Group monthly meetings
- Shared methods and research findings that led to cross-ICO climate and health connections to foster collaboration across NIH
- Participated in regular calls with the CH Scholars Cohort to engage in scientific discussions with their peers

ICO Specific Activities:

- Conducted landscape or scoping analyses on a specific topic and developed a white paper on the findings
- Brought state of the art methods and research findings to NIH program areas
- Consulted with intramural and extramural investigators
- Co-developed and participated in workshops and program meetings with NIH staff
- Engaged in seminars and webinars to promote the link between climate change and IC mission



This is not an exhaustive list of possibilities. If you do not see an example that fits your climate and health area of interest, please email CHScholars@nih.gov with a description of your interests and we will provide an appropriate contact at the NIH. As noted above, in most cases, Scholars can expect to have interactions with multiple ICOs, as well as the NIH Climate Change and Health Working Group composed of staff across NIH.