



Frequently Asked Questions Climate and Health Scholars Informational Webinar

Scholars Program

Could you elaborate on how scholars will be placed, what the scholar's time demands would be, and what kind of financial assistance will be provided?

The program can be quite flexible, offering virtual engagements and visits to some of the NIH ICOs. Please describe in your cover letter/application the optimal arrangement for you to thrive as a Climate and Health Scholar. You can propose financial resources that would help you be successful, and we will consider your needs.

Can an applicant propose to serve as a part-time Scholar? For example, could I distribute 3 months of effort over 6 months?

Yes, scholars can distribute effort in a part-time manner over any part of the year. We ask that you consider dedicating the equivalent of 3 months of effort to meet our program goals. Scholars can work out their schedules with their host ICO.

Can Scholars work on the development of Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) with ICOs?

No, Scholars may not participate in FOA-related discussions or write FOAs.

What is the anticipated start date for selected Scholars?

We hope to bring Scholars on board by early November 2022. This start date is flexible and can be adapted based on your needs.

What is the time frame for this pilot round of Scholars?

November 2022 through August/September 2023.

How many Scholar positions are planned?

We are planning to accommodate 3-5 positions during our pilot year, depending on the funding needs of the selected applicants.

Do you know if this opportunity will be available in the academic year, 2023-2024?

We do not have an answer right now, but if the program is successful, we hope to offer it again.

Eligibility

Am I eligible?

Applicants must have a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent qualifications related to climate and health. Postdocs with a strong climate record whose training is nearly complete late in the post doc process may be eligible. We encourage U.S. or international scientists from academic or private sectors to apply. Students and U.S. federal government employees are ineligible. We are interested in climate and health scientists who have methods or tools to share that we can connect with health outcomes or climate and health scientists who are interested in diving deeper into their research with a chosen Institute, Center, or Office (ICO).

What if my highest degree is a master's, but I have garnered ample funding for climate and occupational health research?



If you are a scientist with a solid track record and leadership in research related to climate and health and you work in an environment that doesn't require a doctoral degree, we encourage you to apply.

I have a strong scientific record in climate science but no health experience. Could I be considered for this program and paired with a health science lab?

At this stage we are looking for established researchers who have solid research experience in climate science and health to help NIH expand its knowledge and work in the arena. We are interested in climate scientists who might have methods or tools to share that we can connect with health outcomes or climate and health scientists who are interested in diving deeper into their research with a chosen Institute, Center, or Office (ICO).

Can individuals with a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) apply?

Yes, we are interested in candidates with a doctoral degree, including DNPs.

Can I work on my grant-related project while at NIH?

No, the goal of this program is not to extend your current work, but to work on projects of mutual interest to you and the host IC.

I have a grant application in review now. Am I eligible to be a Scholar?

Yes.

Am I still eligible to submit future grants if I am a Scholar?

Yes.

Application Process

How long should the cover letter and application text be?

At this point we do not have a page limit. Please write as much as you need to fully answer the questions and address the heart of your research and experience. A traditional cover-letter length would suffice.

Should we name the ICO and Branch we are interested in working with in our application?

We encourage you to name the ICO you are most interested in working with in your application. If you are specifically interested in a particular Division, Branch, or Research Group, you can tell us. If you do not indicate an ICO or Branch, we will select them based on your application and during our interview and match-making process.

Will there be an opportunity to refine the initial application that the Scholar proposes through the selection process?

No, there will not be a chance to refine the written application once it has been submitted, but you will be able to add or share more information during the interview round if you are chosen to participate.

Funding

What financial resources can I ask for?

A stipend may be available on a case-by-case basis and will be arranged in the final stages of the review process between the candidate and NIH. Travel and living expenses for on-site



engagement may also be made available and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the mode of participation. Please indicate your needs in your cover letter.

Is reimbursement available for time that scholars would typically have spent in doing clinical work? Or can it be a full-time job? Meaning can you cover the salary as a full-time position?

Please share your need for financial resources, including clinical time reimbursement, if this is important to your success as a scholar.