



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS 2012

Frequently Asked Questions



- 1. Q: I am a doing my dissertation research at an institution listed but am actually enrolled in a Ph.D. program which is not listed, am I eligible to be nominated?**
A: No, you must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program at one of the 63 institutions listed on the [Designated Institutions and Nominators](#) document to be eligible for nomination.
- 2. Q: I am a 4th year Ph.D. student, am I eligible to be nominated or to apply?**
A: No, you must be in the 2nd or 3rd year of your Ph.D. program to be nominated by your institution or to submit an application. The fellowship is designed to support Ph.D. students (or M.D./Ph.D. students) in years three, four, and five of their doctoral program.
- 3. Q: I am in my 4th year of the Ph.D. program but switched labs, so this is only my 3rd year in my current lab, am I eligible?**
A: No, eligibility is based on the year you started your Ph.D. program, not how long you have been in a particular lab.
- 4. Q: If my year in my Ph.D. program is not clear, am I able to request that HHMI review my specific situation?**
A: All requests must be sent to HHMI via email to predoc@hhmi.org by the person listed in the [Designated Institutions and Nominators](#) document. Neither individual graduate students nor individual thesis advisors may submit requests to HHMI, unless the student has already been nominated by the institution.
- 5. Q: I am currently attending one of the institutions on the designated list; however, my area of research does not fall under the biomedical or related sciences, am I still eligible to apply?**
A: You may only apply to the program if your thesis project is related to biomedical science and your mentor (or co-mentor) has a strong biomedical research component to his/her research as well.
- 6. Q: How can I be nominated by my institution?**
A: Each institution has its own nomination process. Please contact your department chair or the [designated nominator at your institution](#) for additional information.
- 7. Q: I read the eligibility on the website and I am eligible to apply, how can I get an application?**
A: You must be nominated by your institution through the specific nomination process determined by your institution. Please contact the designated nominator at your institution (found here: [Designated Institutions and Nominators](#)) or your department chair to find out the specific process at your institution.

8. Q: How will I receive information about the application process once I am nominated?

A: Once you have been nominated by your institution, you will receive an invitation to apply with a link to the web-based application. If you want to start to prepare for the application process this fall, you can find a list of the application requirements in the [Program Information Brochure](#) under the “Application Process” section.

9. Q: Where do I send my reference letters?

A: Letters of reference and all other application materials are submitted electronically via the HHMI Competition System. Once you have been nominated by your institution, you will receive an invitation with a link to the web-based application. Please do not mail any materials to HHMI.

If you have additional questions please read the [Program Information Brochure](#).

If you still have questions after reading the brochure, please send an email to predoc@hhmi.org.