Burroughs Wellcome Fund – ASTMH
Postdoctoral Fellowship in Tropical Infectious Diseases

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is it possible for non-U.S. residents to apply for the fellowship?

Yes. The target group is American citizens, but fellowships have been awarded to non-U.S. citizens working in U.S. academic settings.

2. Do individuals with PhDs qualify for this fellowship?

This fellowship was designed to create an opportunity for clinicians wanting to conduct tropical disease research. ASTMH felt that there were already opportunities for scientists, but what the field lacked was an opening for those with a more medical background. That is why the application is structured as it is; the hope is that the research opportunity afforded by the fellowship will be a component of a postgraduate training program in some aspect of clinical medicine (infectious diseases, for example).

Having said that, in the past the fellowship has been awarded to PhDs with no clinical training, but the work has generally involved human subjects..

3. Can people with DVM degrees apply for the fellowship? Also, can a DVM with a degree from a foreign country apply?

It's probably fair to say that DVMs are not the target group, and that the society is interested in providing opportunities for Americans with this fellowship. So as a DVM from outside the U.S., it would probably be a longshot.

4. Can the additional $10,000 available in Year Two of the fellowship be used for salary support?

No, the additional $10,000 is to enhance capacity at the overseas site, i.e. supplies, communications and travel expenses.