

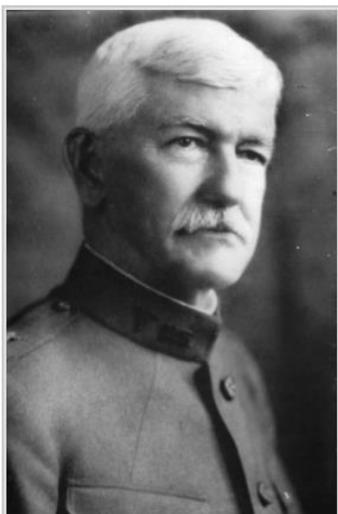


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Gorgas Memorial Institute Research Award



General William Crawford Gorgas (1854 – 1920), a tropical medicine pioneer and native Alabamian, was a U.S. Army physician who managed control efforts of yellow fever, malaria and other diseases during the building of the Panama Canal. From 1914-1918 General Gorgas served as the U.S. Army Surgeon General. The Gorgas Memorial Institute, founded in 1921 and named in General Gorgas' honor, has a long history of fostering research and disease control in Panama and Central America.

Since moving to its current headquarters at the William Gorgas Center for Geographic Medicine in the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the Gorgas Memorial Institute continues to pursue its goal of fostering research and training in tropical disease problems through support of collaborations between investigators working within this region and in the United States.

To this end, the Gorgas Memorial Institute sponsors and manages awards selected by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. These awards fund collaborative investigations, as well as short-term visits, of young investigators between research institutions within the Americas. The Gorgas Memorial Institute Research Award program is intended to allow young scientists within this region the opportunity to acquire new techniques or develop new approaches for the study and control of tropical diseases, and to establish new scientific linkages for the purpose of initiating cooperative studies and programs.

Award Objective

To enhance and facilitate the development of scientific linkages between scientists from Panama, the nations of Central America, tropical and sub-tropical South America and the Caribbean Islands, Mexico and the United States and Canada through support of **short-term travel for early career research investigators** from these regions for the purposes of: (1) establishing collaborative biomedical research projects focusing on tropical diseases of health importance to people living in these areas, and (2) learning new techniques and approaches applicable to the study of such diseases. Applicants can travel from a disease endemic country to the U.S. or Canada, or from the U.S. or Canada to the disease endemic country, or between disease endemic countries.

Applicants

In order to be eligible for a Gorgas Fellowship, applicants should

- be citizens or permanent residents of the Americas,
- possess a doctoral degree in a field related to tropical disease,
- be investigators in training or junior investigators (and not established senior scientists), and
- hold a position at a research, medical, public health or teaching institution and have the endorsement of that institution for participation in this program. Previous award recipients will not be considered.

Submission Timeline

Beginning June 25, 2014, applications may be submitted online via [this link](#).

Application Deadline

July 23, 2014

Award Notice

Applicants will be notified of decisions in late October, 2014.

Funding

An award of up to \$20,000 will be issued to cover the total costs of round-trip travel, housing and supplies required for a project. The number of awards made annually will be contingent on availability of funds. The award allows for indirect costs of up to 8 percent to be assessed against the total budget. Funds cannot be used to pay salary/stipend to the award recipient.

Evaluation Process

Applications will be evaluated by the Gorgas Memorial Institute Research Award Committee of ASTMH. Considerations will include the qualifications of the award applicant and the host institution, the nature and strength of the collaborative relationship being established, the relevance of the proposed research plan to health problems of the Americas and the maintenance of an equitable geographic distribution.

Final Report and Other Requirements

Following completion of the travel period, the recipient will send a report of no more than five pages describing his/her accomplishments, lessons learned and impact on career development and detailing all expenditures made using award funds. This report must be submitted to Judy DeAcetis, ASTMH Administrator, j.deacetis@astmh.org no later than three months after travel has been completed. Periodically, recipients may be invited to present their reports at the Society's Annual Meeting.

Fellowship recipients agree to allow ASTMH to use their name and photo for use in Society publications, website and other communication vehicles for educational and professional development purposes, and not for solicitation purposes.

Recipients agree to list the Gorgas Memorial Institute Research Award as a funding source for any publication generated by research funded by this fellowship. An electronic copy of those publications should also be forwarded to the Society.

Application Process

Applicants should gather all application materials prior to submitting them online. Although it is possible to edit the award submission prior to the July 23 deadline, the submission process will be smoother and more efficient if the complete application packet of materials is posted at once.

Applications packet must include:

- 1) A proposal in English that includes:
 - collaborator name, institution, city and country
 - the research goals of the project (not to exceed 2500 characters)
 - the methods or plan of action (not to exceed 2500 characters)
 - the relevance to the health problems of the Americas and/or the Caribbean (not to exceed 2500 characters)
 - short budget (not to exceed 3000 characters)
 - 2) Information from the applicant's curriculum vitae regarding education, training, work experience, prior research experience, any publications or abstracts, honors and awards.
 - 3) A description of how the Gorgas Memorial Institute Research Award will enhance the applicant's career development in tropical medicine and hygiene (not to exceed 1,500 characters)
 - 4) Three (3) recent publications chosen on the basis of relevance to the project and/or significance to the field.
 - 5) A letter from an appropriate administrative official of the applicant's home institution endorsing the project and verifying that the travel period will be considered as official duty by the institution.
 - 6) A letter from the collaborating investigator at the host institution indicating his/her willingness to participate in the project, specifying his/her role and any special facilities to be provided, and including the collaborating investigator's curriculum vitae.
 - 7) Documentation from an appropriate administrative official of the applicant's home institution confirming that the project has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate institutional committees if the project deals directly with human or animal subjects.
 - 8) Documentation from an appropriate administrative official of the collaborating host institution confirming that the project has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate institutional committees if the project deals directly with human or animal subjects.
 - 9) Brief budget outlining estimated costs for travel, housing and supplies.
- Important!** You are responsible for uploading the documents in #4, #5, #6, #7, #8 and #9 as pdf or Microsoft Word files to the application site. Please obtain these documents before you begin your online application.
- 10) A 2x2 high-resolution photo (head shot preferred).

After July 23, any applications that do not include all items outlined here will be considered incomplete and will not be forwarded to the review committee.

Finalizing your application

After entering all the required information into the online application and all document uploads have been made, proceed to the REVIEW SUBMISSION page and scroll to the bottom. If all information has been entered correctly, you will see a drop-down menu at the bottom of the page. Select the COMPLETE response in the drop-down menu and press SAVE. Your application will then be complete and ready for review by the Gorgas Award Committee.

Award Administration

Award will be made to the recipient's institution, which will be responsible for administering this funding.

Questions? Contact: Judy DeAcetis, Administrator, j.deacetis@astmh.org



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Helpful hints for online application

Copying and Pasting Text from Microsoft Word - When completing the CURRICULUM VITAE and RESEARCH PLAN sections of the online application, follow these instructions when copying and pasting text from Microsoft Word:

1. When copying and pasting text from Microsoft Word, before pasting text into a field, first click the clipboard icon with the "W" that appears in the middle of the tool bar above the text field. Once this icon is clicked, a pop-up window will appear where the text can be pasted. Click the cursor in the box to enable pasting.
2. If after following the instructions in #1 above, the character limit for a particular field is exceeded, click the clipboard icon with the "T" that appears in the middle of the tool bar above the text field. Once this icon is clicked, a pop-up window will appear where text can be pasted. Click your cursor in the box to enable pasting.
3. When copying and pasting text into a field, there might be hidden formatting code that is counted against the character limit for that field. To view the hidden code, click the HTML button in the tool bar above the field. Delete any formatting code that appears in the field. This action might cause formatting (i.e. bold, underline, etc.) to be lost, but the reviewers are more interested in the content of responses than in the format.
4. If pasting text into a field continues to cause problems, save the text in a TEXT FILE or in a NOTEPAD FILE. These files will eliminate all formatting commands (i.e. bold, underline, etc.). Return to the application submission site and paste the text into the field and use the tool bar to format.