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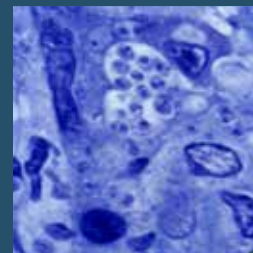
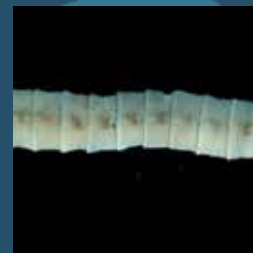
## Benjamin H. Kean

### Travel Fellowship in Tropical Medicine

#### Application Guidelines



**Application  
Deadline:  
February 24, 2016**



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## About Benjamin H. Kean and the Kean Travel Fellowship in Tropical Medicine

Benjamin H. Kean, MD (1912-1993), an internationally acclaimed expert in tropical medicine, discovered the causes of several diseases including turista, also known as travelers' diarrhea. Moreover, he was a renowned teacher, researcher and practitioner of tropical medicine whose mentorship and support enabled many medical students and physicians-in-training to begin and sustain their careers in tropical medicine. He fiercely maintained that early hands-on experience in the tropics was the best way to stimulate a career in tropical medicine. Dr. Kean was instrumental in helping many medical students obtain these fundamental experiences that spurred lifetime commitments.

In 1998, to honor Dr. Kean and build on his legacy of engaging students in an interest in and passion for tropical medicine, the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene established a fellowship in Dr. Kean's name — The Benjamin H. Kean Travel Fellowship in Tropical Medicine. The Fellowship honors his significant contributions to the field and perhaps more importantly, enables his passion for teaching and mentoring to continue.

The Fellowship is administered by the Society's American Committee on Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health (ACCTMTH – Clinical Group) and provides travel expenses for medical students who arrange clinical tropical medicine or tropical medicine research electives in areas afflicted by diseases or illnesses common in the tropics.

### Kean Fellowship At-a-Glance

- Open to full-time medical students in accredited schools of medicine in the United States or Canada
- Research or clinical training in tropical medicine or global health with at least one month at site endemic for diseases or illnesses common in the tropics
- Elective must begin after June 1, 2016
- Round-trip coach airfare
- \$1,000 USD stipend for living expenses
- [Preference given to ASTMH student member \(\\$15 annual dues\)](#)
- Notice of selection in early May 2016

## Award Notice

**Applicants will be notified of fellowship decisions in early May 2016.**

## Eligibility

- Applicant must be a full-time student in an accredited school of medicine in the United States or Canada at the time of the application and at the time of the elective.
- Applicant must propose an elective conducting research or clinical training in tropical medicine or global health with at least one month at a site endemic for diseases or illnesses common in the tropics, starting after June 1, 2016.

### Preference will be given to:

- Applications sponsored by a member of the American Committee on Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health (ACCTMTH – Clinical Group)
- Applications proposing electives lasting longer than one month
- Applicants who have not had previous extensive overseas experience
- Applications that propose study of diseases or illnesses common in the tropics other than HIV/AIDS
- Applicants with student membership in ASTMH (\$15, [see more](#))

“Thanks to the Benjamin Kean Fellowship, I was able to marry my interests in the basic sciences and global health.”

*David Sanchez*

*Howard University College of Medicine  
2015 Kean Fellow*

## 2015 Fellowship Recipients and Overseas Study Locations



**Britt Andersen**  
*Washington  
University School  
of Medicine*



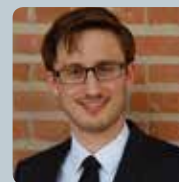
Ivory Coast



**Ashley Appiagyei**  
*University of North  
Carolina School of  
Medicine*



Malawi



**Neima Briggs**  
*University of Texas  
Medical School at  
Houston and M.D.  
Anderson Cancer  
Center*



Honduras

## Funding

### Financial support for clinical and research electives in tropical medicine as follows:

- Round-trip coach airfare (best-price ticketing) to and from the overseas location indicated in recipient's application form
- \$1,000 USD stipend for living expenses

## Exclusions

The Fellowship does not support electives in non-tropical areas or participation in organized didactic courses.

### Automatic declines:

- Applications indicating a start date earlier than June 1, 2016
- Applications indicating less than one month at the tropical site

Medical students from the United States or Canada interested in tropical medicine and global health.

**Application deadline:**  
**February 24, 2016**

“This project allows me to help establish a partnership between the University of Calgary and the University of Gondar (Ethiopia).”

*James Cotton*  
*University of Calgary*  
*2015 Kean Fellow*

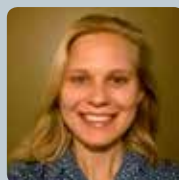
## 2015 Fellowship Recipients and Overseas Study Locations



**Ignacio Cerdena**  
*Yale School of  
Medicine*



Peru



**Madison Cornwell  
(In Memoriam)**  
*University of  
California San  
Diego School of  
Medicine*



Malawi



**James Cotton**  
*University of  
Calgary*



Ethiopia

## Final Report

Fellowship recipients are required to submit a maximum three-page report within 30 days outlining the Fellowship experience and lessons learned. Periodically, recipients may be invited to present their reports at the Society's Annual Meeting. Reports should be submitted to Rhonda Schultz, Coordinator, Awards and Fellowships, [rschultz@astmh.org](mailto:rschultz@astmh.org).

## Application Process and Requirements

Online application site opens January 27, 2016. [Submit your application here.](#)

Selection will be based on academic and/or research credentials, recommendations, proposal quality and the likelihood of the Fellowship to spur a career in tropical medicine. Preference will be given to applicants who are student [members](#) (\$15) of ASTMH. Applicants will be notified in early May of final selections. Please note that the Fellowship must be used in the awarded year.

Applicants are encouraged to gather all application materials prior to online submission. Although it is possible to edit the application prior to the February 24 deadline, the submission process will be smoother and more efficient if the complete application packet of materials is posted in one session.

## 2015 Fellowship Recipients and Overseas Study Locations



**Andrew Flynn**  
*University of  
Colorado School  
of Medicine*



Uganda



**David Guernsey**  
*NYIT-College  
of Osteopathic  
Medicine*



Ghana



**Bryna Harrington**  
*University of North  
Carolina at Chapel  
Hill School of  
Medicine*



Malawi

**Application packet must include:**

- 1. Career interests:** A one-page (approximate) narrative describing:
  - Interest in tropical medicine (not to exceed 1,000 characters)
  - Prior overseas experience (not to exceed 500 characters)
  - Short and long-term career objectives (not to exceed 500 characters)
- 2. Curriculum vitae:** Information from CV related to education, training, work experience, prior research experience, any publications or abstracts, honors and awards
- 3. Letter of recommendation:** One letter of recommendation, submitted as a pdf or Word file, from supervising faculty mentor from applicant's medical school

Since it is not possible to set up and execute a research project that involves humans or animals in a few weeks, any student proposing to perform such research during the elective must be performing that work as part of an ongoing project.

If the applicant's project includes human or animal research, the letter of recommendation from the supervising faculty mentor must confirm that approvals are in place (or document that such approval is in process or will be sought) at both the home institution and the overseas site. If the project does not involve human or animal subjects, the letter of recommendation from the supervising faculty mentor should explain that approval for human or animal research is not applicable for the study.

**2015 Fellowship Recipients and Overseas Study Locations**



**Jo Henderson-Frost**  
*Albert Einstein  
College of  
Medicine*



Bolivia



**Brenden Jenks**  
*Case Western  
Reserve University  
School of  
Medicine*



Peru



**Brandon Kuang**  
*University of  
California at Los  
Angeles*



Congo



### Applicant Responsibility

The submission site will prompt the applicant to provide the name, postal mail address, phone, fax and email for the supervising faculty mentor. The submission program will then generate an email to this individual with instructions to upload the letter to the application site. The supervising faculty mentor providing this letter of recommendation must upload the letter directly to the application site.

It is important that the applicant gather the contact information for the supervising faculty mentor prior to beginning the online submission.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the mentor has received the email generated by the submission site and uploads the letter by the February 24 deadline. After February 24, any application without the required letter of recommendation will be disqualified.

**1. Overseas mentor approval:** Written approval (submitted as a pdf or Word file) from a mentor who will be present at the overseas site during the elective (this person may be the same as the home medical school mentor if he/she will be on site for the elective). The applicant must obtain this document from the overseas mentor prior to posting to the online application.

“ This experience gave me a different perspective on medicine, and it has inspired me to seek out a long term strategy to continue my involvement in global healthcare in developing nations. ”

*David Guernsey  
NYIT-College of  
Osteopathic Medicine  
2015 Kean Fellow*

### 2015 Fellowship Recipients and Overseas Study Locations



**Amos Lichtman**  
*University of  
Massachusetts  
Medical School,  
Harvard School of  
Public Health*



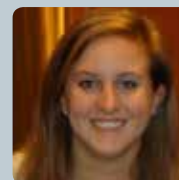
Tanzania



**Nathan Lo**  
*Stanford University  
School of  
Medicine*



Ivory Coast



**Erica Ludi**  
*Emory University*



Haiti

## Applicant Responsibility

The applicant is responsible for uploading the overseas mentor approval letter to the application site.

### 2. Elective proposal includes:

- Title of study/project
- Location of overseas site
- Dates and duration of elective
- Description of overseas site (not to exceed 500 characters)
- Specific objectives of elective (not to exceed 500 characters)
- For research projects, a brief description of rationale and significance, methods and anticipated challenges and opportunities (not to exceed 2,000 characters)
- For clinical projects, a brief description of clinical activities and responsibilities (not to exceed 2,000 characters)
- Description of applicant's role in the project (not to exceed 500 characters)

“The Kean Fellowship was a pivotal source of financial support in helping me complete my research projects.”

*Ignacio Cerdena  
Yale School of Medicine  
2015 Kean Fellow*

## 2015 Fellowship Recipients and Overseas Study Locations



**Haiyan Ramirez Batlle**

*Alpert Medical School of Brown University*



Peru



**Kelsey Ripp**

*Alpert Medical School of Brown University*



Kenya



**David Sanchez**

*Howard University College of Medicine*



Brazil



### Applicant Checklist

- ✓ Career interests narrative
- ✓ CV information
- ✓ Letter of recommendation from supervising faculty mentor, including mentor confirmation of approval for human or animal research on behalf of both the home institution and overseas institution
- ✓ Overseas mentor approval letter
- ✓ Elective proposal
- ✓ [ASTMH Student \\$15 Membership](#)

“This fellowship made my research study financially feasible, but also provided professional support to advance my academic career.”

*Nathan Lo  
Stanford University School of Medicine  
2015 Kean Fellow*

### Finalizing the Application

- After entering the required information into the online application and all document uploads have been made, applicants should proceed to the REVIEW SUBMISSION page and scroll to the bottom.
- If all information has been entered correctly, a drop-down menu at the bottom of the page will display.
- Applicant should select the COMPLETE response in the drop-down menu and press SAVE.
- The application will then be complete and ready for review by the Fellowship Committee.

### 2015 Fellowship Recipients and Overseas Study Locations



**Milan Satcher**  
*Alpert Medical  
School of Brown  
University*



Peru



**David Schaffer**  
*University of North  
Carolina at Chapel  
Hill*



China



**Adrianna Stanley**  
*Dartmouth  
Medical School*



Peru

## Notice of Fellowship Award

**Fellowship award notices will be sent in early May 2016.**

## Travel Arrangements

The Fellowship includes funding for a direct round-trip ticket to and from the overseas location indicated in the accepted application proposal.

ASTMH will also provide a \$1,000 USD stipend to offset living expenses. ASTMH does not reimburse costs for research expenses.

“With this fellowship, I was given the opportunity to return to my Latin American community to fight infectious diseases alongside those with whom I share a common heritage, and for this I am profoundly grateful.”

*Adrianna Stanley  
Dartmouth Medical School  
2015 Kean Fellow*

### **Questions about application content:**

Chandy John, MD  
Chair, Fellowship Committee  
+1-317-274-8940  
johnsore@iu.edu

### **Questions about online application process:**

Rhonda Schultz  
Coordinator, Awards & Fellowships  
Direct: +1-847-686-2291  
Fax: +1-847-686-2251  
rschultz@astmh.org

### **Application timeline:**

Application site opens  
January 27  
  
Applications due  
February 24  
  
Selection notices sent in  
early May

## Kean Fellowship Committee

**Chandy John, MD, FASTMH**

*Chair*

Indiana University

**Mrs. Colette (Benjamin) Kean**

**James Cummings, MD, FASTMH**

Department of Defense Global Emerging Infection  
Surveillance and Response Systems

**Linnie Golightly, MD**

Weill Medical College of Cornell University

**Michael Hawkes, MD, PhD**

University of Alberta

**A. Desiree LaBeaud, MD**

Stanford University

**Myaing Nyunt, MD, PhD, MPH**

University of Maryland

**Mark Polhemus, MD, FASTMH**

SUNY Upstate Medical University

**Mark Travassos, MD**

University of Maryland

## Fellowship Recipients (For the complete list of recipients please visit [our website](#))

### 2014 Fellowship Recipients

**Farah Abdi**

University of California,  
Los Angeles David Geffen  
School of Medicine

**Michelle Beam**

Oregon Health & Science  
University

**Richard Broadhurst**

University of North Carolina  
School of Medicine

**William Bruno**

University of California San Diego  
School of Medicine

**Kartina Ciraldo**

Boston University

**Amelia Cline**

University of North Carolina  
School of Medicine

**Alex Cortez**

University of Cincinnati  
College of Medicine

**Ian Eisenhower**

University of Colorado  
School of Medicine

**Shekinah Elmore**

Harvard Medical School

**Kimberly Faldetta**

Pennsylvania State College  
of Medicine

**Morgan Goheen**

University of North Carolina  
at Chapel Hill

**Jill Hagey**

University of California  
San Francisco

**Seth Ari Hoffman**

Medical School for International  
Health  
(Ben-Gurion University  
in affiliation with Columbia  
University)

**June-Ho Kim**

Johns Hopkins  
School of Medicine

**Chelsea McClough**

Emory University  
School of Medicine

**Ericka Phelps**

Michigan State University

**Nathaniel Rogers**

University of Alabama  
at Birmingham School of Medicine

**Jonathan Schultz**

University of Iowa Carver  
College of Medicine

**Stephen Selinsky**

Michigan State University  
College of Human Medicine

**Daniel Silva**

Boston University  
School of Medicine

**Bianca Stifani**

Alpert Medical School of Brown  
University

**Austin Wesevich**

Washington University  
School of Medicine

**Ya Zhou**

University of Maryland  
School of Medicine

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### 2013 Fellowship Recipients

**Ameer Abutaleb**

University of Maryland

**Rachel Blake**

Alpert Medical School of Brown University

**Ethan Bornstein**

Emory University School of Medicine

**Sarah Boudova**

University of Maryland

**Chelsea Canon**

Wake Forest School of Medicine

**Mark Carlberg**

SUNY Upstate Medical University

**Aubri Carman**

University of Arizona College of Medicine

**Seth Congdon**

University of North Carolina School of Medicine

**Melvin Donaldson**

University of Minnesota

**Sam Du**

University of Maryland School of Medicine

**Ahmar Hashmi**

University of Texas Medical Branch

**Marguerite Hoyler**

Harvard Medical School

**Daniel Huck**

Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

**Genna Jerrard**

University of Maryland School of Medicine

**Christian Parobek**

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Nina Prasanphanich**

Emory University School of Medicine

**Julia Rosenberg**

Weill Cornell Medical College

**Nicholas Sausen**

University of Minnesota

**Leah Wibecan**

Harvard Medical School

**Joshua Wong**

Harvard Medical School

### 2012 Fellowship Recipients

**Jasmine Beria**

New York College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Geoffrey Buckle**

University of Massachusetts Medical School

**Jeffrey Campbell**

Harvard Medical School

**Jamie Carter**

University of North Carolina School of Medicine

**Shama Cash-Goldwasser**

McGill University

**Jennifer Emberger**

University of Maryland School of Medicine

**William Garneau**

University of North Carolina School of Medicine

**Mariah Kincaid**

Tufts University School of Medicine

**Christian Larsen**

University of Maryland School of Medicine

**Elyse LeeVan**

Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

**Blair Murphy**

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

**Karen Ocwieja**

University of Pennsylvania

**Juliana Odetunde**

University of Kentucky College of Medicine

**Samuel Porter**

Mayo Medical School

**Duncan Reid**

Yale University

**Jared Rowe**

University of Minnesota

**Sarah Schaffer DeRoo**

University of Maryland School of Medicine

**Tarak Trivedi**

University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine

**Eric Wohlford**

SUNY Upstate Medical University

**Sandra Zaeh**

Emory University School of Medicine