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

“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.

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.

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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)
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

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.

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

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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
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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

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 Eisenhauer  
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 McCiough  
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

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SUNY Upstate Medical University

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Emory University
School of Medicine