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Benjamin H. Kean

Travel Fellowship in Tropical Medicine

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



Application Deadline: February 28, 2018

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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 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, 2018
- ▶ Round-trip coach airfare
- ▶ \$1,000 USD stipend for living expenses
- ▶ [Preference given to ASTMH student member \(\\$15 annual dues\)](#)
- ▶ Notice of selection in May 2018

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Total number of
Kean Fellows to date:
260 (since 1998)



Award Notice

Applicants will be notified of fellowship decisions in May 2018.

Eligibility

- ▶ Applicant must be a full-time medical 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, 2018.

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)

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, 2018
- ▶ Applications indicating less than one month at the tropical site

Final Report

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



The support of the Kean fellowship allowed me publish an invited review of the state-of-knowledge of *Leishmania* infection during pregnancy in the journal *Trends in Parasitology*.

Brandon Berger, The University of Chicago
Pritzker School of Medicine
Overseas site, Mexico
2017 Kean Fellow



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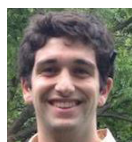
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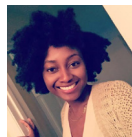
2017 Fellowship Recipients and Overseas Study Locations


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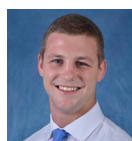
Mustafa Abid
Wake Forest University School of Medicine
 Jordan




Precious Anyaoha
Morehouse School of Medicine
 Ghana




Brandon Berger
University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
 Mexico




Nicholas Brazeau
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine
 Ethiopia



Catherine Castro
University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
 Panama



Shilpa Darivemula
Albany Medical College
 Peru



Jessica Dawson
University of Washington
 Kenya




John Diehl
Emory University School of Medicine
 Uganda




Celia Fung
University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
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Paris Hantzidiamantis
State University of New York
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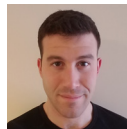
Megan Harris
SUNY Upstate Medical University
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Monalisa Hassan
Wake Forest University School of Medicine
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Justin Hills
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine
 Malawi




John Kahler
State University of New York
 Thailand




Matthew Matson
Marshall University
 Congo



Qaasim Mian
University of Alberta
 Uganda




Courtney Pedersen
Stanford University School of Medicine
 India




Julia Ramos
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
 Tanzania



Margaret Robinson
Stanford University School of Medicine
 South Africa



Tu Tran
University of Minnesota
 Uganda



Hannah Wild
Stanford University School of Medicine
 Ethiopia



Application Process and Requirements

Online application site opens January 31, 2018. [Submit your application here.](#)



I was able to carry out a pre- and post-intervention gestational and congenital toxoplasmosis medical education study in Panama.

Catherine Castro, University of Chicago
Pritzker School of Medicine
Overseas site, Panama
2017 Kean Fellow



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 28 deadline, the submission process will be smoother and more efficient if the complete application packet of materials is posted in one session.

Application packet must include:

- 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)
- Curriculum vitae:** Information from CV related to education, training, work experience, prior research experience, any publications or abstracts, honors and awards
- 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.





The Kean fellowship helped me spend enough time in Uganda to further relationships and develop projects with key collaborators.

*Tu Tran, University of Minnesota
Overseas site, Uganda
2017 Kean Fellow*



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 28 deadline. After February 28, 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.

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**



Through this fellowship, I was able to engage with a project from start to finish based in Moshi, Tanzania

Julia Ramos Johns Hopkins
University School of Medicine
2017 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.

Notice of Fellowship Award

Fellowship award notices will be sent in May 2018.

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.

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Application timeline:
Application site opens
January 31
Applications due
February 28
Selection notices sent in May





2017 recipient Celia Fung (2nd from right) and colleagues in Swaziland

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Kristi Ray, Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine

David Allen Roberts, University of Washington

Katherine Ryken, University of Iowa, Carver College of Medicine

Gurmeet Sohi, University of Manitoba

Brenna Stanczyk, University of North Carolina

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