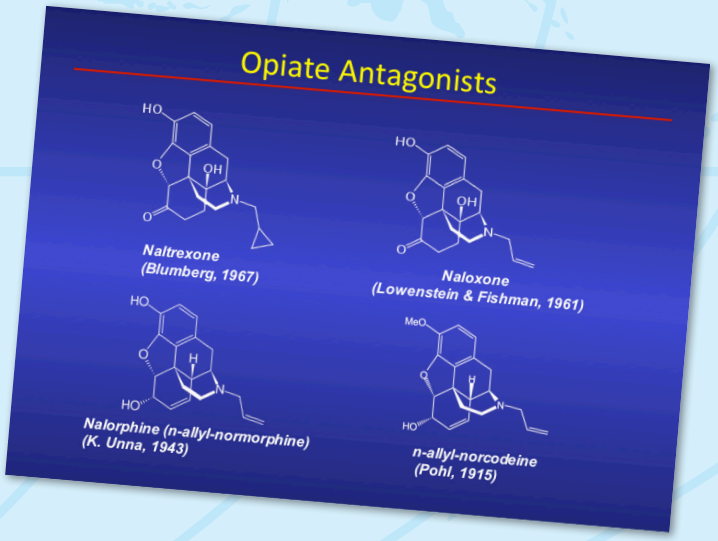
Distinguished International Scientist Collaboration Award
(DISCA and USDISCA)

Short-term research exchange visits for senior drug abuse research partners.

Research exchange visits reinvigorate the teamwork among collaborators. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) competitive Distinguished International Scientist Collaboration Awards (DISCA) and Distinguished International Scientist Collaboration Awards for U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents (USDISCA) invite senior researchers from other countries and NIDA grantees to work together in the most suitable location for their joint research. If the project would be best conducted outside the United States, NIDA grantees should apply for a USDISCA award to visit their partner's home country; if the project would best be conducted in the United States, international drug abuse researchers should apply for a DISCA award to visit their U.S. partners.



There are small differences between the DISCA and USDISCA awards, but no matter which partner travels, the basics remain the same. Both DISCA and USDISCA awards provide support to senior scientists during research exchange visits of 1 to 3 months so that applicants and their partners can cooperate on new research methods and techniques; conduct data analysis; prepare joint research reports or proposals; or work together on basic, clinical, and applied research on drug abuse. The binational teams must propose an innovative approach, clearly define their expected product or outcome, and submit a final report to NIDA.

NIDA International Program

What do the DISCA and USDISCA awards include?

DISCA and USDISCA awards include:

- A research exchange visit lasting from 1 to 3 months, depending on the project requirements
- Monthly allowance of up to $6,500US to cover short-term living expenses in the host country
- One round-trip air travel between the home and host cities for the scientist only

Visas and health insurance are the responsibility of the awardees.

Who is eligible for the DISCA award?

Applicants must:

- Be citizens or permanent residents in a country other than the United States.
- Team with a current NIDA grantee.
- Have a minimum of 7 years of experience in drug abuse research beyond the postdoctoral level.
- Have a documented scientific record that includes peer-reviewed publications.

Who is eligible for the USDICA award?

Applicants must:

- Be a U.S citizen or permanent resident.
- Be a current NIDA grantee.
- Have a minimum of 7 years of experience in drug abuse research beyond the postdoctoral level.
- Have a documented scientific record that includes peer-reviewed publications.

How and when should I apply?

Applicants and their research partners should jointly complete the forms and submit them to the NIDA International Program.

The U.S. collaborating researcher or applicant must be a NIDA grantee throughout the award period, and the exchange visit must be completed within 12 months of the award announcement.

Application forms and instructions are available online from the NIDA International Program Web site: http://international.drugabuse.gov/research/fellowships_disca.html.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 1

AWARD NOTIFICATION: March 1

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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