How should I apply?

The INVEST Drug Abuse Research Fellowship application requires careful and thorough coordination between the applicant and mentor:

- Contact a NIDA-supported researcher in the United States who is willing to serve as a mentor. The mentor must be a current NIDA grantee.
- Notify the NIDA International Program of your plans to apply.
- Write a detailed research plan for working with the U.S. mentor on biomedical or behavioral research investigating the causes, consequences, prevention, or treatment of drug abuse and addiction.
- Complete and submit your application to the NIDA International Program.

Application forms and instructions are available online at **www.international.drugabuse.gov.**

Application Deadlines:
April 1 and October 1

Notification of Award:
June 1 and December 1

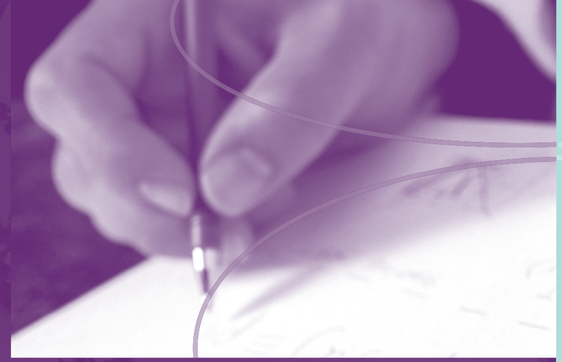
How can I get help in finding a mentor?

To find the mentor who is right for you, consult the online database of research projects supported by NIH at **http://crisp.cit.nih.gov,** review journals online at PubMed **(www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov),** or e-mail the NIDA International Program for assistance **(ip@nida.nih.gov).**

What Does NIDA Do?

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that—

- supports research on the biomedical and behavioral causes, consequences, prevention, and treatment of drug abuse and addiction.
- disseminates research findings to significantly improve drug abuse and addiction research, practice, and policy.
- provides international and domestic research training, career development, and public education efforts.



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International Program

The INVEST fellowship combines postdoctoral research training in the United States with professional development activities and grant-writing guidance to form a unique program for drug abuse scientists. You'll become part of an international team as you are introduced to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and a global community of professionals who exchange information and collaborate on drug abuse research nationally, regionally, and globally.

As an INVEST fellow, you will master techniques and explore new approaches in research and practice that you can implement when you return home. You will also learn about the National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants application process, and you may decide with your mentor to seek funding for cooperative research to be conducted in your home country. Fellows have conducted research in every aspect of drug abuse and addiction, from social science to basic science to epidemiology, prevention, treatment, and preclinical and clinical sciences.

If you want to gain international experience in drug abuse research, the INVEST Drug Abuse Research Fellowship is just right for you.

What does the fellowship include?

The 12-month fellowship provides—

- Rigorous postdoctoral research training with a NIDA grantee at a U.S. institution
- Professional development activities that help you establish personal relationships with NIDA grantees and NIDA officials who are willing to continue working with you after you return home
- A stipend of $36,000US for living and personal expenses, round-trip travel, and a $4,000US allowance to cover the cost of health insurance and professional development activities

Who is eligible?

The requirements for INVEST applicants are—

- An earned doctoral degree in medicine, public health, biomedical, behavioral, or social sciences
- A minimum of 2 years of postdoctoral research experience, including a demonstrated ability to engage in independent research
- Written assurance from an institution in the home country that there is a position to which the applicant can return after completing the fellowship
- Proficiency in written and spoken English
- Citizenship or permanent residency in a country other than the United States
- Status of living and working outside the United States at the time the application is submitted
- Eligibility for the J-1 visa to enter the United States