

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Note: Many questions are answered in the 2024 King Guidelines: www.hria.org/tmf/King

Can my Mentor submit one fellow for Clinical and one fellow for Basic Science?

No, only one applicant per Mentor may apply per application cycle.

Is there a limit on how many applications may be submitted from one institution?

There are no institutional limitations on the number of candidates who may submit applications.

I already have a funded fellowship and am looking for research support for my project. Am I still eligible to apply for the King Trust Fellowship?

No, the two-year King Trust Fellowship supports stipend, a 10% fringe allowance, and a flexible \$25,000 research allowance. This allowance may not be used for institutional overhead.

How do I determine my stipend level?

Stipend levels are based upon the number of years of relevant full-time experience since completion of your doctoral degree as of the funding start date, October 1, 2024. For applicants without clinical training, this will be based upon years of full-time research experience. For applicants with clinical training, other experience such as time during clinical training programs may be considered as relevant experience. This will be determined by HRIA Staff, using applicant eligibility and research experience information provided in the application.

PUBLICATIONS

I have a peer reviewed publication from my previous but not current post-doc lab, am I eligible?

Yes. Publications from previous post-doctoral research experiences count towards eligibility.

After graduate school I stayed in my thesis lab as a postdoc for one year. I have a peer reviewed publication from that postdoc, but not from my current postdoc lab. Am I eligible?

If the publication is from work done during the graduate thesis, then it is not sufficient to count towards eligibility. Publications from previous post-doctoral research experiences count towards eligibility. Publications from previous post-doctoral research experiences count towards eligibility.

Am I eligible if I have a co-author paper?

Yes, however competitive applicants typically have a first author paper from their current postdoctoral lab.

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Do papers from my PhD time count? What about papers that are not yet accepted but available as a preprint and posted on a platform like bioRxiv?

No, papers from work done during the graduate/Ph.D. thesis are not sufficient. Peer reviewed publications should be from research conducted after receiving one's doctoral degree. Articles in press or submitted for review will count towards eligibility only if they are publicly available as a preprint (e.g. BioRxiv). For publications in press that are not and cannot be made publicly available.

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supervisor of graduate students; finally, the candidate may lack other rights and privileges of faculty such as attendance at faculty meetings.

Could you go over documentations about parental leave? Will a letter from the supervisor suffice or do you require HR documentation?

We do not require formal documentation for parental or other leave. However, your mentor should note any pauses in research experience within their letter of support.

I was a postdoc for 5 years and was then promoted to instructor position which I have held for 2 years. I am eligible?

Most likely, no. If the applicant is still engaged in non-independent mentored research with a title of Instructor, then this time should be counted as postdoctoral research experience. In this case, that would be a total of 7 years in non-independent postdoctoral training positions.

How do I determine my eligibility if I hold a Ph.D. but do not hold an M.D.?

Candidates who hold a Ph.D. must have completed at least three years but no more than six years of postdoctoral training by the funding start date. This requirement is the same whether applicants are applying to the Clinical Research or Basic Science program. Candidates who hold a Ph.D. but have clinical training (such as clinical psychology specialties) may have no more than six years of postdoctoral training by the funding start date. Please reach out to HRiA staff (

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- February 1, 2017 – October 1, 2023 Postdoctoral Fellowship

ELIGIBLE? NO. By the funding start date of the program, Dr. Liu will have earned 6 years and 8 months of postdoctoral research experience. This exceeds the maximum of exactly six years allowable. However, Dr. Liu may be eligible if 8 months of the postdoctoral fellowship was occupied by family or medical leave, or other extenuating circumstances as described in the guidelines.

Example 5:

M. James, PhD

- 2021 PhD in clinical psychology
- May 2021- September 2023 Clinical Psychology Fellowship

ELIGIBLE? YES. By the funding start date, Dr. James has completed clinical training through their clinical fellowship and is eligible under the criteria that they have completed less than 6 years of full time research experience.

OTHER FUNDING

Are you eligible to apply if you concurrently apply to a K?

Yes, but you wouldn't be able to accept the King award if you receive a K award. Should your K award come in after you are awarded King, you'd need to relinquish the King award.

If my mentor has funding like an R01, will that affect my application?

No. You can be listed as personnel on the R01 and receiving support from it, as long as the project work you are doing is distinct.

I am on a T32 award now, am I eligible?

Applicants are eligible to apply if they are on a T32. However, due to policies regarding funding overlap, applicants will likely be required to relinquish T32 funding upon receipt of a King Trust Award.

POST AWARD AND CHANGE OF STATUS

What if my Fellowship Status Changes?

Applicants promoted to an independent faculty position on or before the funding start date indicated in the Guidelines are not eligible to accept a King Trust Fellowship.

Following receipt of a fellowship, any change in academic status must be reported to HRIA Staff. It will

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Where do I begin?

Please go to www.hria.org/tmf/King and download the Application Guidelines on the appropriate program page.

Do you have templates to create the PDF upload?

Yes. Applications templates are downloadable via the link above.

What is the difference between the Authorized Institutional Representative and the Institutional Officer to Receive Funds (on the Cover Page)?

Depending on the institution, the Authorized Institutional Representative (often in the Office of Sponsored Programs) usually signs off on the application to ensure that you and the Institution have met the eligibility requirements. The Institutional Officer to Receive Funds (often in the Post-Award Office) is usually the fiscal officer and receives award payments, prepares fiscal reports, and oversees other financial requirements of your grant. Please check with your institution to determine who should sign these sections of the Cover Page.

Will the King Trust sponsor my work visa?

No, the King Trust Fellowship Awards are made to your sponsoring institution on your behalf. The King Trust does not sponsor work visas.

Do I need to write a letter to the Trust in advance of the deadline?

A letter to the Trust is not necessary prior to the submission of the application.

Do I need an eRA Commons user name for the Biosketch?

No, an eRA Commons user name is not required.

I entered the wrong tax identification number in the online application form. How do I correct this?

The tax ID number that you entered in the very first page of the online application cannot be changed.

Please start a new application so that your account and application are submitted unnb e herdatei1.217 Td(A)06.6 (n)2rg

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Do I need to number all the pages of the application and note these numbers in the "Table of Contents"?

Yes, please number all pages of the application and update the Table of Contents with the appropriate page numberings. It might be easiest to do this after you have merged everything into one PDF.

Should the bibliography be placed after the research proposal?

Yes, please add the bibliography after the research proposal. The bibliography/references cited are not counted towards the total page count of the research proposal.

What are acceptable uses of the Flexible funding?

Acceptable uses of the flexible funding that have been proposed by past applicants include costs for research supplies, salary supplementation, lab technician salaries, travel support, coursework, caregiver support, equipment, animals, study participants, publication fees, core services, and contractors.

Below is a list of additional resources that applicants are encouraged to explore. The table below is not an exhaustive list of available resources. HRIA does not endorse any of the listed resources.

Resource	Website
NIH OITE	https://www.training.nih.gov/
HAPPY	https://www.happythemovement.com/home
Dragonfly Mental Health	https://dragonflymentalhealth.org/
Personal Finance for PhDs	http://pfforphds.com/
KiddieCorp	https://www.kiddiecorp.com/
CIMER	https://cimerproject.org/
Leading Edge	https://www.leadingedgesymposium.org/
pdHub	https://www.pdhub.org/about/
Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science	https://aldacenter.org/
COMPASS	https://www.compassscicomm.org/leadership-development/
Leadership and Management in Action	https://www.mollygrisham.com/lmap
The Postdoc Academy	https://www.postdocacademy.org/
SciPhD	https://sciphd.com/about-us/