



PROGRAM ON ETHICAL ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH

DEPARTMENT OF POPULATION AND INTERNATIONAL HEALTH
HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Research Ethics Fellowship Program at the Harvard School of Public Health. Please note that this program is specifically geared toward individuals from Asian countries.**

Applicants for these fellowships are highly qualified mid-career professionals and scholars from all parts of Asia who have completed graduate degrees and have had some years of experience in the fields of health research and/or research ethics. We are seeking persons who will actively contribute toward strengthening the capabilities of institutions in developing countries to conduct ethical reviews of research projects, and who are committed to the global education of research communities and institutions regarding issues in research ethics. This fellowship is intended for individuals involved in all areas of international health research, including medicine, anthropology, epidemiology, education, journalism, political science and law; government, foundation, and industry officials with funding responsibilities; and members of institutional and governmental review boards.

To qualify for fellowship consideration, applicants must complete the two-page application form and submit it along with the following:

- Copies of all post-secondary transcripts
- *Curriculum vitae*
- List of publications
- Short sample publication
- 1-2 page personal statement
- Two letters of reference
- TOEFL scores (English language ability test)

The personal statement should contain details regarding your previous experiences related to research ethics, the reason(s) why you are interested in this fellowship program, and how you plan to integrate the training that you would receive through this fellowship into your current professional responsibilities.

As mentioned above, applicants are requested to have two letters of reference mailed under separate cover to the address listed on the second page of this brochure. Completed applications and letters of reference must be received by **1 April 2006**.

Top ranking candidates are reviewed and evaluated according to the following criteria: applicant's education and experience in the fields of research ethics and health research, and future plans in the field of research ethics. Please note that applying for a Research Ethics Fellowship does not necessarily result in acceptance as a fellow; all applicants must compete for the few spaces that are available.

Thank you for your interest in the Research Ethics Fellowships; I hope that the appended information is helpful. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely yours,

Richard A. Cash, MD, MPH
Director, Program on Ethical Issues in International Health Research

** If you are interested in this program and are not a citizen of an Asian country, please visit the websites of our sister programs at the Johns Hopkins University Bioethics Institute (http://www.med.jhu.edu/bioethics_institute/), the Case Western Reserve University Center for Biomedical Ethics (<http://www.cwru.edu/med/bioethics/met/maprog.html>), the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (<http://www.aecom.yu.edu/crtp/resethics/trprog/overview.htm>), and the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics (http://www.utoronto.ca/jcb/Education/mhsc_international_overview.htm).



PROGRAM ON ETHICAL ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH

DEPARTMENT OF POPULATION AND INTERNATIONAL HEALTH
HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Research Ethics Fellowship Program

The Department of Population and International Health at the Harvard School of Public Health is again pleased to offer the Research Ethics Fellowship program for the training of professionals from Asian countries in the field of research ethics. The curriculum is designed to provide a variety of educational experiences to prepare each fellow with the knowledge and skills required to assume the role and responsibilities of a practicing bioethicist in his or her community. The fellowship will include: program-related travel expenses, room, board, tuition, and health insurance for the 10-month Phase I period. In addition, funding will be provided for a research project and program-related travel expenses in the Phase II period. Please note that the Research Ethics Fellowship is a non-degree program. This program is funded by the Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA.

Program Curriculum

The Research Ethics Fellowship program has two phases:

Phase I lasts 10 months and requires that fellows be in residence at Harvard University. During this time, fellows will take required courses at the Harvard School of Public Health (as well as additional courses of their choice at other Harvard schools), participate in a year-long seminar series, design a research ethics short-course training program to be used in their home countries, and design a research study to examine a question of research ethics which will be conducted upon returning to their home institutions. In addition, fellows will attend institutional review board (IRB) sessions at various institutions within the Harvard University system, and participate in a field visit to the NIH.

Phase II of the training lasts 12 months, during which time the fellows will return to their home institutions to carry out the research projects and short-courses that have been developed in Phase I. Following the completion of Phase II, fellows will attend a four-day regional meeting for the purpose of sharing the results of their research and planning future collaborations.

Application Information

A complete application consists of the following:

- Two-page application form
- Copies of transcripts of all post-secondary school training programs
- Curriculum vitae*
- List of publications
- Short sample publication
- Personal statement
- Two letters of reference, to be sent directly by the referees to the Program on Ethical Issues in International Health Research office at the address below\
- TOEFL scores (English language ability test)

The application deadline for the 2006-2008 Fellowship is April 1, 2006
The Fellowship start date is September 1, 2006.

Please send application materials to:

Emily Kaditz
Program on Ethical Issues in International Health
Harvard School of Public Health
665 Huntington Avenue, Building 1 – 1210
Boston, MA 02115-6021
USA

Telephone: (617) 432-3998
Fax: (617)566-0365
Email: ekaditz@hsph.harvard.edu

For more information, please refer to the program website: <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/bioethics>.