

Guidelines and Application Process

BICENTENNIAL FUND TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP FOR CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION IN MEXICO

For students (masters and doctoral) and post-docs in the Departments of Epidemiology or Nutrition

Mexico, like many other developing countries, is undergoing a rapid epidemiological transition with a decrease in the incidence of infectious disease and an alarming increase in chronic diseases. Unfortunately, there is a gap in the understanding of chronic disease epidemiology in Mexico and many other developing and middle-income countries. Scientific research on the risk factors for the occurrence of chronic disease in Mexico is of relevance locally, of course, but may be a stepping stone towards a more thorough appreciation of chronic diseases at the global level.

The goal of the Bicentennial Fund Traveling Fellowship is to give graduate students or post-doctoral scholars in the **Departments of Epidemiology or Nutrition** cross-cultural experience conducting scientific research in Mexico. The Bicentennial Fund Traveling Fellowship at HSPH will provide critical financial support for students or post-doctoral scholars traveling to Mexico for internships and research work at the National Institute of Public Health. Travel can be completed during the HSPH WinterSession and/or during the summer recess.

There are two \$5,000 fellowships available.

- **One award will go to a student/post-doc investigating **obesity**,**
- **One award will go to a student/post-doc investigating **breast cancer**.**

For questions about the types of research that could be pursued at the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico, please contact Martín Lajous at mlajous@hsph.harvard.edu.

Applicants should submit one paragraph describing their proposed research project to Colleen Bertrand at cbertran@hsph.harvard.edu. Please also indicate your academic program and year.

Deadline: OCTOBER 20, 2011

The applicants who are selected as finalists will then be asked to submit a more detailed description of their project. Fellowship recipients will be chosen by the chairs of the Departments of Epidemiology and Nutrition. The grant is expected to cover the cost of airfare and other travel costs, provide a stipend for food and housing, and assist with any research expenses.