



# Solicitation for Applications to the Fogarty HIV-TB Training Program at Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Government Medical College (BJGMC)

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## **Purpose:**

The Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Medical College and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine are proud to announce a new initiative, the Fogarty HIV-TB Training Program at BJGMC. This 5-year program, initiated in 2013, has been funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH) in the United States to expand the capacity of junior faculty at BJGMC to conduct high-quality research in the fields of TB and HIV. At the end of 5 years, our objective is to have established a core group of BJGMC faculty, who will be recognized institutional leaders in HIV-TB (The BJGMC HIV-TB Research Leadership Team). Building institutional capacity for HIV-TB research at BJGMC requires the identification, recruitment and retention of interested junior and mid-level faculty, who demonstrate a sufficient commitment to their own research careers, but also a commitment to research collaboration and mentoring within the institution.

To ensure the long-term success of this program, together with the leadership of BJGMC, we have designed a sequential, 3-phase training program that combines strategic short-term and long-term training in TB epidemiology/clinical and laboratory research. The first phase will see the recruitment of 5 trainees who are epidemiologically/clinically focused, and 5 trainees who are focused on lab. In February 2014, four clinical trainees were selected, and one lab trainee. The next group of 5 trainees will initiate activities in February 2015.

In addition, 4 long-term trainees would be eligible for additional research grant funding as part of Phase 2, which all trainees are eligible for applying to when Phase 1 requirements have been completed. A final group of trainees will be recruited in the last year of the program and will be mentored by trainees who have completed each phase of the program. To support the trainees and to establish greater institutional ownership and leadership of the program, we will also establish regular TB research activities at BJGMC (HIV-TB Journal Club, HIV-TB Research Meetings, HIV-TB Grand Rounds), undertake 2 TB research workshops at BJGMC that will be open to other Indian scientists (2015 and 2017) and establish a local Data Management and Biostatistics Core, led by Hopkins faculty member, Dr. Nikhil Gupte (Fogarty AITRP Alum), who will assist the trainees with establishing research data bases and analysis training and support for their research projects. See Document A: Overview for more detail.

## **Objectives:**

To identify applicants with proven dedication and commitment to BJGMC and HIV-TB who will be able to:

- Successfully complete each step of the Fogarty HIV-TB Training Program
- Expand institutional capacity at BJGMC in HIV-TB through collaborative activities and partnership
- Become an integral part of the BJGMC HIV-TB Research Leadership Team who will assume responsibilities for increasing and sustaining gains made through the program

## **Funds Available:**

No funds are being made available for this application process. If the applicant is selected to be part of the program, tuition and travel costs will be covered. Four long-term trainees will also receive support to complete either an iMPH practicum through Johns Hopkins or a 2-year post-doctoral fellowship.



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### Eligibility:

The successful applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Be an MPSC Selected Candidate<sup>2</sup>
2. Have a personal and institutional expectation of continuing on as BJGMC faculty for at least five more years from the time of application
3. Have a stated interest in development of a research career in TB epidemiology, clinical, or laboratory research

### Application Submission:

All interested faculty should review Document A: Overview as well as Document 2: Application Form.

If the eligibility criteria are met, faculty are invited to submit the following:

1. A cover letter that expresses an individual's interest in applying to the program
2. A letter of support from applicant's Head of Department/the Dean of BJMC
3. An updated Curriculum Vitae (CV)
4. A completed application form (Document 2)

In addition to the materials above, successful applicants are encouraged to indicate which JHU mentor they would like to work with.

All application materials can be submitted online at: [www.BJGMC-tb.org](http://www.BJGMC-tb.org)

**The due date for all applications is January 1st, 2015.**

### Application Review:

Applications that are complete and responsive to this solicitation will be reviewed for scientific and technical merit by program leadership as well as two independent reviewers. Applications that are incomplete or non-responsive will not be reviewed.

A total of five TB experts will review each application independently and provide a score and overall recommendation. The six scores will be averaged, and using a rank list the Fogarty HIV-TB training program leadership will select the successful applicants. The final step in the selection process will be approval for all trainees through the Training Advisory Committee. We expect successful applicants will be notified February 1st, 2015.

### Inquiries:

All inquiries should be sent by e-mail to: [adeluca1@jhmi.edu](mailto:adeluca1@jhmi.edu).

### Documents Available Online:

Document 1: Invitation Letter

Document 2: Application Form

Document A: Overview

Document B: Applicant Review Form

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<sup>2</sup> If a candidate is not MPSC selected but would still like to apply, please email [adeluca1@jhmi.edu](mailto:adeluca1@jhmi.edu) for clearance before applying