



EMORY NIGERIA

HIV RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS: Due: July 31, 2024

Programme Objective

The overarching goal of the Emory-Nigeria HIV Research Training Program (EN-RTP) is to enhance the capacity and the quality of researchers focused on HIV health issues relevant to women in Nigeria. To accomplish this, we will leverage existing collaborations between Emory University and three partnering Nigerian institutions to enhance human resource capacity enrichment with long-, medium-, and short-term research training and mentorship of Nigerian investigators, facilitating their acquisition of the skills needed to pursue research careers focused on women's health and HIV/AIDS.

Eligible Institutions

APIN Public Health Initiatives (APIN)
Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) and affiliates
University of Lagos (UNILAG)

Training Opportunities

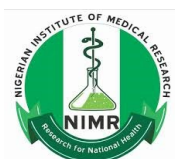
The EN-RTP offers long-, medium-, and short-term training programmes for investigators interested in acquiring the skills needed to pursue an independent research career in HIV and women's health. Below is a list of offered trainings and eligibility criteria:

Short Term (3-6 months)

- Applicant must be a mid to senior level member or researcher at NIMR, University of Lagos, or APIN looking for externship opportunities to learn new and emerging technologies in research, social-behavioral science, specialized research procedures, advanced computational sciences and bioinformatics approaches, etc.
- Trainees will be provided with limited funding to complete externship where they can acquire these skills and must describe them in their proposal.
- Trainees will be provided with in-country training in bioethics and the responsible conduct of research. They will also attend an in-country end of year retreat alongside their lead mentor.

Medium Term (6-12 months)

- Applicants must either be an emerging junior to mid-level researcher from NIMR, University of Lagos, or APIN who wish to advance their skills through specialized didactic coursework.
- This training track will offer a laptop and participation in any of the two distance learning courses at Emory University that includes: Grant Writing, Intro to Data Management, Advanced Data Management in R, Biostatistics, Analytical Methods, and Translation and Implementation Science. **Note that course offerings are subject to availability.**





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- Trainees will attend in-country training courses and workshops on networking, leadership, diversity and inclusion, bioethics and responsible conduct in research, and clinical trial design. They will also attend an in-country end of year retreat alongside their lead mentor.

Long Term (2 years)

- Applicant must either be a registered graduate or postgraduate student or junior faculty at the University of Lagos, or a junior researcher at APIN, NIMR or a NIMR-affiliated institution who is interested in developing a career in HIV and women's health.
- If in the process of completing a formal PhD or master's degree program at the time of traineeship, you will be provided with limited in-country tuition support.
- This training track provides a laptop and participation in all the following distance learning courses at Emory University: Grant Writing, Intro to Data Management, Advanced Data Management in R, Biostatistics, Analytical Methods, and Translation and Implementation Science. **Note that courses are subject to availability.**
- Trainees will attend in-country training courses and workshops on networking, leadership, diversity and inclusion, bioethics and responsible conduct in research, and clinical trial design. They will also attend an in-country end of year retreat alongside their lead mentor.
- This track includes stipends for a minimum commitment of 30 hours per week to programme-related research activities and studies.
- This track includes limited funding for mentored research related to HIV and women's health.
- Trainees are expected to submit a NIH K43 or equivalent grant application by the completion of the programme.

Budget Information

Trainees accepted into the programme are provided funding based on the track they applied for. Below is a description of the types of funds available.

Training expenses (*Short-term track only*)

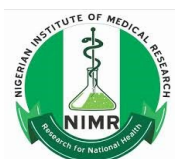
- \$3,000 to support an in-country Externship

Training expenses (*Medium-term track only*)

- A laptop, end of year retreat with the trainee and mentor, In-country workshop/seminar, and In-country ethics training
- Up to 5 credit hours of MSCR training

Stipends (*Long-term track only*)

- Up to \$2,100/year support to enable trainees to commit a minimum of 30 hours per week of their professional time on research training





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Tuition and Fees (*Long-term track only*)

- Up to \$1,000/year towards your MPH or PhD degree. Note the programme will only pay for tuition accrued during the time you are enrolled

Technical expenses (*Long-term track only*)

- Up to \$3,000/year for career development/research-related expenses. Research-related expenses include supplies, participant incentives, coordinator effort, etc. Coverage of internet or communications directly related to your research can be provided as part of this budget on an as-needed basis

Publications and Travel (*All tracks*)

- Financial support provided on an as-needed basis. Expenses must be approved in advance by programme leadership

Selection Criteria

Application reviewers focus on:

- 1) Demonstrated strengths and future potential of the candidate for a research career focused on HIV prevention and treatment, and women's health;
- 2) Quality of previous training and accomplishments;
- 3) Strength and feasibility of the research training plan/project;
- 4) Potential impact of the research area and question (including innovation);
- 5) Adequacy of support from the candidate's institution, research group and home division/department;
- 6) Quality, feasibility, and potential for success of the research project in case of long-term trainees; and
- 7) Likelihood for the research and the training plan to lead to a competitive grant application.

If you meet all eligibility requirements and are interested in applying, [please click here for application instructions](#)

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