

Summer Fellowships: how to apply

<http://www.armeniseharvard.org/summer-research-fellowship-to-apply/?lang=en>

The Giovanni Armenise-Harvard Foundation provides funding to Summer Fellows to receive training and conduct biomedical research in a laboratory at Harvard Medical School (HMS) or an affiliated hospital, from **July 1 – August 31, 2018**. The program is aimed at Italian university students who wish to explore the American research system and who will return to their home institution to complete their degree. Note: clinical research or clinical activities are not supported by this program.

The Foundation receives over 100 applications and awards 10-15 fellowships per year. The mean Grade Point Average of students awarded last year was 29 (calculated with "30 e lode" valued at 30).

This program is under the Patronage of the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research.

ELIGIBILITY

Italian students enrolled in an Italian public or private university in a "Laurea Specialistica" (4th and 5th year) with a focus on biomedical research (e.g. Biology, Biotechnology, Neuroscience, etc.) or in the 4th, 5th, or 6th year of Medicine. Students expecting to graduate before July 2018 are not eligible. Previous research experience is strongly recommended.

FELLOWSHIP

Successful applicants will be awarded a fellowship for 2,700 Euros to help defray costs associated with travel to Boston, accommodation during the fellowship, health insurance, and incidentals. Fellowships in the past have been sponsored by the Giovanni Armenise-Harvard Foundation, Charles River Laboratories, Collegio Ghislieri, Collegio Nuovo, Friends of the Italian Cultural Center of Boston (FICCB), University of Pavia, Italian National Research Council (CNR), Humanitas University and CIBIO/University of Trento.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Summer 2018 Call for Applications is now open through December 1, 2017. Applications submitted after December 1, 2017 will not be accepted. The application must be in English. The process includes completing an electronic application and submitting attachments in the following order:

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- **Application form**
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- **Student Curriculum Vitae** summarizing both academic and extra-curricular achievements. (File name: Lastname, First Initial CV, i.e. MillerL CV.pdf)
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- **University Transcript in English** (official statement of exam results) with translation, if necessary. (File name: Lastname, First Initial Transcript, i.e. MillerL Transcript.pdf)
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- **1 page (approx. 500 word) Personal Essay** describing the student's career path and research experience, if any, and how he/she will benefit from this program. The essay must speak to who you are, your research experience, what your scientific interests are, and where you see yourself in the future. Be specific and personal. While it is acceptable to use an English speaker to edit the language in the essay, students who use an essay written by someone else will be disqualified. (File name: Lastname, First Initial Personal Essay, i.e. MillerL PersonalEssay.pdf)
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- **Proof of English Language Proficiency (optional):** Applicants must be fluent in English and should submit TOEFL or Cambridge Proficiency scores. Students with no TOEFL or CP test scores should submit a statement certifying competency in English. (File name: Lastname, First Initial English, i.e. MillerL English.pdf)
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- **½ page (approx. 250 word) Lab Essay** indicating three laboratories at HMS or affiliated hospitals you are most interested in, and why, listed in order of preference. Refer to list below for lab possibilities. (File name: Lastname, First Initial Labs, i.e. MillerL Labs.pdf)
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- **2 Letters of Recommendation** from professors or other educators who know the student well, addressing his/her independence, aptitude and academic performance. Letters should be on institute letterhead, signed, scanned, and emailed directly from the referee to armeniseharvardfdnsummer@hms.harvard.edu in a pdf file. (File name: Lastname of StudentfromReferee, i.e. MillerLfromCorsi.pdf)

SELECTION PROCESS & AWARD NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified of the results of the initial selection process by mid-January 2018. Finalists will be invited for a Skype interview with the selection committee on **Saturday, January 27, 2018**. Final decisions will be sent to students by the end of January.

HMS LABORATORIES & HOSPITALS

Please refer to the list below, particularly the first six links, which illustrate opportunities in laboratories on the Harvard Medical School campus:

<http://bcmp.med.harvard.edu/>

<http://cellbio.med.harvard.edu/>

<http://genetics.med.harvard.edu/>

<http://mbib.med.harvard.edu/>

<http://neuro.med.harvard.edu/>

<http://sysbio.med.harvard.edu/http://www.scrib.harvard.edu/>

<http://www.childrenshospital.org/research/>

<http://www.brighamandwomens.org/research/>

<http://www.bidmc.org/Research.aspx>

<http://www.dana-farber.org/Research/Lab-Websites.aspx>

<http://www.harvard.edu>

Information on the visa application process and accommodation in Boston will be provided after acceptance into the program. Fellows will receive guidance in applying for an internship to the labs. In addition to research activity, fellows are expected to attend a weekly Career Development Course, where they will meet Italian scientists and faculty in Boston, to discuss education and career choices.

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