

## Information for National Institute of Health prospective host

### Details

The Australian Academy of Science has opened a call for applications from PhD candidates, 30 years of age or under, for the Visit the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the United States of America program (the program). The program is supported by the Adam J Berry Memorial Fund and the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH) in the USA.

### Background and program information

The Adam J Berry Memorial fund honours a young researcher with dual Australian and American citizenship, who was working in a NIH lab and preparing for graduate school when he tragically died in May 2002. The program supports one young scientist who is at the same age and whose PhD studies are in a similar area of research that Adam was in when he passed away. The program is co-managed on behalf of the Berry family by the Academy and the FNIH in the USA. The program has been actively supported each year by Emeritus Professor Stuart Yuspa, Adam's supervisor at the time of his passing.

The objective of the program is to support one early-career Australian researcher to work in the USA at a NIH laboratory each year. In addition to gaining valuable experience for themselves, the researchers are expected to contribute to the research program of the institute they are visiting. The awardee will be provided with a return airfare from their city in Australia, to the city where the NIH laboratory is located, of up to AUD4,000. The awardee will also receive a one-off allowance of AUD1,000 to offset some of the associated costs such as travel insurance and visas.

In previous years, the NIH host laboratory has provided a daily stipend and assisted the awardee with accommodation arrangements. You are asked to confirm in your letter of support whether the applicant would be provided with a stipend to allow the applicant to plan accordingly.

Applicants are responsible for sending this document to the NIH host who agrees to provide a supporting letter for the application.

NIH hosts are asked to address the following points in their letter of support for the proposal:

- Have you agreed to host the applicant and have a proposed research project suitable for the visit?
- Discuss your view of the scientific merit of the proposal and how your lab will engage with the applicant to achieve the proposed outcomes.
- Confirm if your lab would be providing a daily stipend and support with organising living arrangements for the applicant, if their application was successful?
- Any other information you feel is relevant to the application.

The support letter can be sent electronically to the applicant for inclusion in the grant application and must be given to the application prior to the application deadline of **9am (AEST) Monday 8 April 2024**.