

THE EDMOND J. SAFRA FELLOWSHIP IN MOVEMENT DISORDERS

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders aims to grow the global base of movement disorder specialists — neurologists with additional training in Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders — by training movement disorder clinician-researchers who can provide expert care and lead scientific advances.

As the demand for movement disorder specialists increases, not enough neurologists are receiving vital training in Parkinson's and related conditions. To address this need, The Michael J. Fox Foundation (MJFF), in collaboration with longtime partner the Edmond J. Safra Foundation, launched The Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders. The program annually funds academic centers to each train a new movement disorder clinician-researcher over a two-year period and is growing an international, collaborative network of next-generation leaders in Parkinson's research and care.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

The Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders is open to established movement disorder centers worldwide and seeks to support the training of promising MD or MD/PhD fellowship applicants.

MJFF will award eight two-year fellowships (\$180,000 total, \$90,000 per fellow per year). These funds may cover the fellow's stipend, benefits and travel allowance. No indirect costs may be claimed for this award.

MJFF awards funding directly to qualified centers which then identify the most competitive fellowship candidates. Centers must then nominate their prospective fellow, with submission of the fellow's CV and a letter of recommendation, for final review by MJFF.

Previously awarded centers – except those that received an Edmond J. Safra Fellowship grant in the most recent funding cycle – are eligible to apply.

As the program is designed to expand the capacity of leading centers to train movement disorder fellows, awarded centers must identify and support a new fellow. Funding cannot be used to support a fellow already enrolled in or selected for the center's fellowship program.

Individual fellows are not eligible for this funding but are encouraged to inform institutions about this opportunity.

EVALUATION PROCESS

Applications from movement disorder centers will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Previous experience training fellows for productive research and clinical care careers
- Research environment and research training program
- Clinical care center and clinical learning opportunities
- Departmental support for the fellow
- Leadership in building an equitable and diverse environment for clinical care, research and education through educational opportunities and scholarly pursuit for the fellow
- Biographical sketches of five faculty members, including the fellowship director, who will be active in the training program

CLASS OF 2025 DEADLINES

- Applications Due: Thursday, December 9, 2021
- Anticipated Award Announcement: Spring 2022
- Awarded Centers Identify Potential Fellows: September 2022
- Final Selection of Fellows: October 2022
- Fellowship Begins: Summer 2023



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The Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders awards funding to academic centers to train a new movement disorder clinician-researcher over a two-year period. Centers worldwide are invited to apply. **Note that previously awarded centers – except those that received an Edmond J. Safra Fellowship grant in the most recent funding cycle – are eligible.**

Please review the instructions and requirements below before you log in to the MJFF Grant Portal. Please note that **applications will only be accepted through the Grant Portal.**

- Using the narrative template provided (page 3), please give a brief overview of your center's training opportunities and illustrate how a fellow can benefit from your program. (Please note the application includes a second template that gathers data on the number of movement disorder clinician-researchers trained, faculty, patients seen per year, etc.) On the "Project Information & Description" tab of your online application, you will be asked to provide information on previous fellows and fellowship faculty. On the Attachments tab, you will be asked to upload your completed narrative template as a pdf as well as your organization's bank letter and W8 or W-9 forms.
- All applications are treated confidentially and will be reviewed by MJFF staff in collaboration with external peer reviewers to determine their fit with the program goals.

Submitting an Application

All applications must be submitted through the [MJFF Grant Portal](#).

Getting Started: New Users

If you have never applied to an MJFF RFA, click the "Register Here" button.

1. Search for your organization in the "Organization Name" field. If your organization is not found, click "Add New Organization" and complete the organization registration.
2. Complete the "Contact Information" fields. Be sure to use an active email address.
3. Click the "Submit" button.
4. You will receive an email to the provided email address.
5. Follow the instructions in that email to set a password and log in to the Grant Portal.

Getting Started: Returning Users

If you have applied for MJFF funding in the past, click the "Returning User" button.

1. Input the email address associated with your MJFF account.
2. If the email you entered is in our system, you will receive an email instructing you to reset your password and log in to the Grant Portal.
3. If you do not receive an email, you may try a different email address. If you still do not receive an email, please register as a new user.

Once you have logged in to the MJFF Grant Portal, click the "Funding Opportunities" button to view open funding opportunities. Select "The Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders – Class of 2025" and proceed to start your application.

Please Note:

Symbols do not transfer correctly to our online system. Please make sure to spell out any symbols (e.g., alpha-synuclein) in your online application.



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APPLICATION INFORMATION

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION [Click here to enter text.](#)

ACADEMIC CENTER [Click here to enter text.](#)

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Please use this template and limit your application to **two pages**. You may delete the instructional text. (Please note that the application also includes a second template gathering data on number of movement disorder clinician-researchers trained, faculty, patients seen per year, etc. You will find this in the Grant Portal.)

Given that the length and structure of movement disorders training varies from center to center and worldwide, **please provide as much detail as possible about your center's experience and ability to train a movement disorder clinician-researcher.** If you have any questions about the application, please email grants@michaeljfox.org.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

State how your program has successfully trained fellows for productive careers as movement disorder clinician-researchers.

RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

Indicate how fellows benefit from your center's research environment and activities. Also, summarize what research training the fellow will receive (e.g., didactic lectures, mentorship, development and management of his or her own research project, etc.) throughout fellowship. *Details may include what research opportunities are available at your center, how the trainee will participate, etc.*

CLINICAL CARE

Describe how the center educates fellows in the clinical care of movement disorders. In addition, describe the fellow's clinical rotations, responsibilities and any unique learning opportunities. *Details may include clinical rotations, required and/or available educational opportunities, etc.*

CLINICAL SUPPORT

Summarize how the center and the faculty mentor fellows and support their professional development. How will you guide the fellow to become an expert and leader in movement disorders care and research? *Details may include formal research or other training opportunities as well as information on how mentoring will take place.*

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Proactively fostering diversity, equity and inclusion in human studies and the provision of care is a critical aspect of helping patients live well with disease — and accelerating the development of better treatments

that will benefit everyone. Training fellows to seek diversity in their study and care populations (to more closely reflect the overall population) and to serve underrepresented individuals and communities is fundamental to the mission of The Michael J. Fox Foundation. Diversity may refer to race, ethnicity, gender, age, abilities/disabilities, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, geographic region, disease experience and more. We request that centers applying for Edmond J. Safra Fellowship funding include information on their existing training programs and/or future plans for continuing this effort. (Examples may include, but are not limited to, clinical rotations with underserved populations, education in health care disparities and implicit bias in medical care, or training in diversifying research populations.) The purpose is to identify centers with the leadership and skills to engage in activities that would enhance the ability of the Edmond J. Safra Fellow to advance equitable access and diversity in research, education, health promotion and clinical care services.



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SUPPORTING MATERIALS

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REQUIRED. Please attach as a separate appendix the biographical sketches (NIH format) of five faculty members, including the fellowship director, who will actively support and/or mentor the fellow.