

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 eight 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 of \$180,000 each. These funds may cover the fellow's stipend, benefits and travel allowance as well as coursework, conferences, and other relevant educational and training opportunities. 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



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- Leadership in building an equitable and diverse environment for clinical care, research and education through training 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

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- Applications Due: Thursday, December 5, 2024
- Anticipated Award Announcement: Spring 2025
- Awarded Centers Identify Potential Fellows: September 2025 (or before)
- Final Selection of Fellows: October 2025
- Fellowship Begins: Summer 2026 (or before)