

THE EDMOND J. SAFRA FELLOWSHIP IN MOVEMENT DISORDERS

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Movement disorder specialists (neurologists with subspecialty training in Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders) serve as an important bridge between scientific advances in the lab and positive patient outcomes in the care setting. While the demand for movement disorder specialists is increasing, not enough neurologists are receiving this vital training. To address this unmet need, The Michael J. Fox Foundation (MJFF), in collaboration with longtime partner the Edmond J. Safra Foundation, introduced The Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders. By funding academic centers to train new movement disorder clinician-researchers, this program aims to develop a network of highly trained specialists to be the next generation of leaders in Parkinson's research and clinical care.

In 2018, the first class of Edmond J. Safra Fellows graduated and joined a community of clinician-researchers at the forefront of Parkinson's research and expert patient care. By 2022, the program is on track to graduate 26 new movement disorder clinician-researchers around the world.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, AVAILABLE FUNDS AND TIMELINE

The Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders is open to established movement disorder centers worldwide and seeks to support promising MD and MD/PhD applicants. MJFF will award five two-year fellowships (\$90,000 per fellow per year, \$180,000 total). These funds may cover the fellow's stipend, benefits and travel allowance. No indirect costs may be claimed for this award.

To allow centers time to identify the most competitive recipients, MJFF will award funding directly to qualified centers. Centers must then nominate prospective fellows for final review by MJFF. This nomination will include submission of the fellow's CV to apply and a recommendation from the assigned mentor. Individual fellowship applicants are not eligible but are encouraged to inform institutions about this funding opportunity.

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.

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
- Biographical sketches for three faculty members who will be active in the training program

CLASS OF 2023 DEADLINES

- Applications Due: December 13th, 2019
- Anticipated Award Announcement: Spring 2020
- Awarded Centers Identify Potential Fellows: September 2020
- Final Selection of Fellows: October 2020
- Fellowship Begins: Summer 2021

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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.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please review the instructions and requirements below before you log in to the online submission system. Please note that **applications will only be accepted through the online submission system.**

- Using the template provided (page 2), please give a brief overview of your center's training opportunities and illustrate how a fellow can benefit from your program. On the "Attachment and Confirmation" page of your online application form, you will be asked to upload your completed template as DF.
- 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 online through the following link:
https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_592?SA=SNA&FID=35461
- To access the MJFF online application form, please click on the above link and either create a user account or sign in to your existing account. **Please retain your username and password; MJFF does not have access to this information.**
- Once you begin an online application, you may save and return to it before final submission. In-progress applications can be accessed at the following link:
https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_592?SA=SNA&FID=35461

Online Application Form

- Please complete the online application form with the following information:
 - ✓ Applicant Contact Information (*Name, Phone, Email*)
 - ✓ Academic Center (*Name, Mailing Address*)

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 form.
- Please type your login email address correctly otherwise you may not receive important information regarding your submission or be able to access your account.
- When ready, **please click 'submit' to ensure that your submission is delivered promptly to MJFF.** A notice of application receipt is automatically sent by email upon submission. **If this notification is not received within one hour of submission, please contact MJFF at grants@michaeljfox.org to check on your application.** Please also expect an email within one week of the submission deadline notifying you of the status of your 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.

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 specialist 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. *Details may include how long your center has been training movement disorder clinician-researchers, number of specialists your center has trained, etc.*

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 number of patients (new and return) seen each week, 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 disorder care and research? *Details may include description of staff directly involved in supporting the fellow's training and their role (e.g., researcher, movement disorder specialist, neurosurgeon, nurse, etc.)*

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

REQUIRED. Please attach biographical sketches (NIH format) for three faculty members who will be actively supporting and/or mentoring the fellow as a separate appendix.