

UK/Middle East Exchange Fellowships

The Daniel Turnberg Trust

A prestigious exchange scheme to encourage collaboration between medical researchers in the UK and the Middle East

Introduction

The UK/Middle East Travel Fellowships scheme provides opportunities for short-term exchange of medical researchers between the UK and Middle East. The aim of the scheme is to provide opportunities to gain further research experience, learn new techniques and to foster scientific collaboration between scientists. More widely, it is hoped that this might lead to a greater understanding between these countries.

Grants will be awarded to early and mid career medical researchers and bioscientists from the UK to spend time in laboratories and hospitals in the Middle East countries and for researchers in those countries to come to the UK.

The scheme is administered by the Academy of Medical Sciences and all correspondence should be directed to them.

Criteria of the UK/Middle East Travel Fellowships

- The countries included in the scheme are the UK, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, the Lebanon and Palestinian Territories.
- The Fellowships will be aimed primarily at young scientists embarking on a career in research. Fellowships will be open to medical and non-medical graduates who have shown signs of a commitment to a career in research and will, for example, be at lecturer and/or post-doctoral level. Their research may be in any field within the broad scope of medical and bioscience research.
- The Fellowship grant will provide air fare and a subsistence allowance for a period of up to four weeks.

Application process

Applications should be made through Heads of Departments who will act as sponsors of candidates. Host departments should indicate their willingness to accept the candidate.

The following application materials should be submitted:

- A completed application form, which can be found at **www.acmedsci.ac.uk**
- A letter from the nominator, summarising the nominee's principal achievements and their significance and impact. The letter should indicate that the host institution is willing to participate in the scheme and accept the candidate.
- A letter from the Head of Department of the host institution confirming willingness to participate in the scheme.
- The individual's current CV.

An awards committee comprised of key representatives from the Academy of Medical Sciences will oversee the award process.

Please send applications to:

Grants Officer
Academy of Medical Sciences
10 Carlton House Terrace
London SW1Y 5AH



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In June 2007 Daniel Turnberg died in an aeroplane crash in Africa at the age of 37 years. He had already made a mark as a bright young doctor and as a medical researcher and was destined for a future full of promise. A graduate of Leeds University he trained first in hospitals in Yorkshire before starting his specialist training in renal medicine in a series of London teaching hospitals. He went on to obtain his Ph.D. for

his research into the role of the immune system in kidney disease at Imperial College and the Hammersmith Hospital before taking up a lectureship in renal medicine at the Royal Free Hospital in 2006. This post is now to be re-named The Daniel Turnberg Lectureship in Renal Medicine. A symposium devoted to his area of research set up in his honour by his former colleagues at The Hammersmith and Royal Free Hospitals is a mark of the respect in which he was held.

But above all his academic achievements it was the universal view of his kind and gentle nature, his compassion for others and his sense of fun and enthusiasm for everything that life had to offer that earned him the love, respect and admiration of his patients, colleagues and wide circle of friends.

In setting up this fund his parents hope to continue a keen interest he had in international medicine and in encouraging greater understanding between Israel, the Middle East and the UK.



The Academy of Medical Sciences is one of the five learned academies in the United Kingdom. The Academy promotes advances in medical science and campaigns to ensure these are converted into healthcare benefits for society. The Academy is pleased to be working in partnership with The Daniel Turnberg Trust Fund in the award of these prestigious fellowships.

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