

2024 Hevolution Foundation Saudi Arabia Postdoctoral Fellowship for Aging Biology & Geroscience (HF-SAP)

Request for Applications (RFA)

The Program

Hevolution Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship in Aging Biology & Geroscience (HF-SAP) is a research training program aimed at the advancement of the research of early-career Saudi Arabian scientists who obtained a doctoral degree in biological or biomedical sciences. HF-SAP will provide a total of 7.5 million SAR in 2024, to fund 4-6 fellowships. This program aims to develop and introduce new Saudi scientists to the field of aging research by facilitating their development as creative and innovative future scholars in the field. The Postdoc training program is for 2 years, extendible to 4 years upon approval by Hevolution Foundation based on evaluation of milestone accomplishments, merit, and overall performance. This fellowship will pay postdoc compensation in addition to benefits as per Hevolution Foundation policy, considering the location and institution of the training and employment needs. The training will be supervised by leading scientists in the field of Aging Biology and Geroscience research, and it is expected that postdoctoral fellows will gain first-hand experience in the design, development, performance, and data interpretation of aging research as the basis for discoveries that lead to new therapies and innovations. This program is exclusive for Saudi citizens. A future version of this program will be open to the GCC region, and it will be announced later.

Eligibility Criteria

All applicants must comply with the following eligibility criteria:

1. Saudi Arabian citizenship.
2. A doctoral degree, such as a Ph.D., M.D./Ph.D. or equivalent.
3. Fresh graduates: Applicants who just graduated or expected to graduate with a Ph.D., M.D./Ph.D. or equivalent in less than six months from the time of application deadline.
4. Experienced graduates: Applicants at an early stage of their research career, having held a doctoral degree for no longer than 3 years at the time of this application's deadline (minus any time taken for maternity/paternity leave). Those who are already in postdoc research training but wish to join this program may apply.

Selection Criteria

1. Academic excellence, as demonstrated by career-related achievements including academic transcripts, peer-reviewed publications, abstracts, presentations, patents/patent applications, awards etc.
2. Strong recommendation by current/previous mentors covering several aspects of the applicant's abilities, including scientific innovation, conduct, dedication, communication/interpersonal skills, and other aspects as appropriate.
3. A personal statement indicating the applicant's passion for research and strong drive to continue/join the aging research field.
4. Complete application as indicated in the **Application Submission Instructions** (see below).

Expectations

Postdocs accepted into the program are expected to take ownership of their career advancement to achieve their professional goals in Aging Biology and Geroscience. Supported by their mentors, postdocs are expected to engage in a variety of activities including, but not limited to:

- Perform supervised research work to advance the science of their project to the next level.
- Participate actively in the writing of research proposals and grant applications.
- Present the results of their research in lab and institutional meetings, national or international meetings, symposia, and workshops.
- Publish high quality papers in peer-reviewed journals, or file patent rights where appropriate.
- As part of their engagement with Hevolution Foundation, selected candidates will provide progress reports every 6 months, signed by their PI, as well as a PI evaluation and endorsement at the end of each year of the program, and a final report and final supervisor evaluation at the end of the training.

Hevolution encourages all participants to establish connections with labs in KSA, to develop, maintain, and expand a supervised collaboration that bridges the international lab with the KSA lab to continue their research in the field of aging research.

Application Process

1. All applications will be checked for completeness.
2. Complete applications submitted before the deadline will be sent to an external review committee for evaluation.
3. Finalists will be notified and the process of pairing them to their respective labs will be initiated.
4. The postdoc is to sign an agreement with Hevolution Foundation to join the program in the assigned institution.
5. The training start date will be identified based on completion of all paperwork including contacts and issuance of the appropriate work visas and other documents.

A list of eligible Principal Investigators is included in the Application Submission Instructions. Follow the Application Submission Instructions provided in this [link](#) to prepare the required documents and submit your application.

Timeline

The deadline for application submission is June 15th, 2024, at 5PM Riyadh Time.

Open submission	April 2 nd , 2024
Application submission deadline	June 15 th , 2024, at 5PM Riyadh Time
Review and selection outcome	Q3 2024
Training start date	Early 2025

All applicants must complete the application requirements as stated in the application instructions and submit their completed application before the deadline. Any submission that is incomplete or is submitted after the deadline will NOT be considered.

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