Press Release

Announcing the winners of the 2014 HFSP Fellowships

The International Human Frontier Science Program Organization (HFSPO) is pleased to announce the names of the recipients of HFSP international postdoctoral fellowships for 2014 following a rigorous selection process in a global competition. A total of 747 applications were received in this round from applicants originating from 63 different countries.

HFSP postdoctoral fellowships are given to young scientists within 3 years of having completed the Ph.D. degree who wish to broaden their training in a laboratory in another country. This year, 90 fellowships have been awarded. Of these, 80 are Long-Term Fellowships for life scientists planning to extend their expertise into another field of biology and 10 are Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships for young scientists with Ph.D. degrees in physics, chemistry, computer science or engineering. The latter are particularly special as they link the life sciences to neighboring disciplines thus encouraging the use of quantitative approaches in modern biology.

In 2014, HFSP fellowships support young scientists of 27 different nationalities. Applicants from Israel, Germany, the UK and Italy were the most successful; new awards will also support young scientists from non-member countries such as Argentina, China, Malaysia, Russia, and Turkey.

HFSP’s fellowships have an excellent reputation and offer a built in return component. Starting in their second year of tenure, HFSP fellows can draw up plans for setting up their own independent laboratory. Fellows can then use the remaining time of their tenure to move to the new location. A fellowship is worth about $180,000 spread over three years and includes support for research costs and child care.

Full lists of the 2014 awards are available on the HFSP website at http://www.hfsp.org/awardees/newly-awarded.

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