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## Press release

### The 2021 class of HFSP fellows

**HFSP announces the 63 young researchers who will challenge traditional thinking by investigating, among other subjects, social interaction in bats, how cephalopods can bite without a joint, the environmental factors controlling spawning in corals or how to control vaccine immunogenicity.**

The International Human Frontier Science Program Organization (HFSP/O) announced today the 63 fellowships to the world's most outstanding young life scientists, chosen through rigorous international selection out of a total of 665 applications from scientists of 65 different nationalities. The HFSP fellows will begin their research in a new field of biology in a laboratory in a new country, in accord with HFSP/O's aim to promote international collaboration in life science research.

HFSP Long-Term Fellowships are for postdoctoral scientists in biology. A total of 47 Long-Term Fellowships will be awarded to the very best of the world's young scientists who have proposed original approaches at the frontier of life science research.

HFSP Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships support 16 young scientists with a non-life science PhD degree such as chemistry or physics. These fellows will make a bold change in research direction by leaving their field of training to embark on research that is at the interface of biology and neighboring disciplines.

HFSP's fellowships enjoy 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. Each fellowship is worth about \$225,000 USD spread over three years. HFSP provides these outstanding young talents with an enhanced financial package to back their career in frontier research.

The lists of all 2021 HFSP awards are available at <http://www.hfsp.org/awardees/newly-awarded>.

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