Gilead Public Health Award:
*Viral Hepatitis Program*
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Gilead Public Health Award: Viral Hepatitis Program is to provide support to an early stage research scientist (junior faculty or post-doctoral student) from a low- or middle- income country (LMIC) employed at an academic or research institution. This opportunity will enable successful applicants to launch a productive research career that focuses on the development of innovative strategies, tools and methods for the prevention, care and treatment of viral hepatitis. This opportunity invites scientists from any health related discipline in an LMIC who propose research skill-building activities and a research project that is relevant to the health priorities of their country’s plan to combat viral hepatitis.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Gilead Public Health Award: Viral Hepatitis Program provides financial support to the institution of the junior faculty or post-doctoral student for a two-year period. Each award is funded up to the customary salary (inclusive of any indirect costs), to be paid in annual installments. Funding for the second year is contingent upon submission of a progress report by each researcher and approval by the internal Gilead Review Committee.

Recipients will receive up to USD $100,000 (max USD $50,000 per year) for a total of two years to apply towards career development and research.

Recipients of the Gilead Public Health Award (hereafter referred to as “GPHA”) will be selected by an internal Gilead Review Committee (as defined below) comprised of experts in the field of global health research, public health and viral hepatitis (hereafter referred to as the “Scientific Review Committee” or the “Committee”). The Committee will review complete applications and select proposals based on the applicant’s proposed research and career development plans, as well as having a qualified mentor/senior investigator.

Awards granted under the GPHA may not be duplicative of funding from institutional or hospital, other governmental, non-governmental or industry sources. Applicants seeking an award for research projects that are currently ongoing may receive partial funding from other sources. Applicants will be required to submit appropriate evidence, including budget information, related to the other sources, to demonstrate that there is no direct overlap in funding.

Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria to be considered for an award. The Applicant’s Eligibility section outlines details.
SCIENTIFIC FOCUS

The GPHA supports research projects that will produce innovative strategies, tools and services that lead to improved outcomes in the prevention, care and treatment of viral hepatitis – either at an individual or population level. In addition, the GGHSA is intended to support an applicant’s career development goals by protecting their time and giving them the opportunity to pursue training and research activities under the mentorship of an established senior investigator. Career development plans focused on areas of implementation research, dissemination research and translational science are encouraged but not required.

Research

The first component of the GGHSA is for applicants to propose either or both of the following types of research projects that align with the GGHSA criteria:

- An exploratory project
- An existing funded project

In addition, the applicant must be aligned with a mentor/senior investigator who is able to provide dedicated oversight and guidance.

Please note, Gilead will not pay more than $10,000 towards an exploratory or senior investigator/mentor’s research project for the total award period of two years. If both types of projects are submitted, a max of $5,000 will be awarded to each project.

Focus research areas may include but are not limited to:

- Basic, epidemiologic, clinical, behavioral, public health and social science research across viral hepatitis prevention, care and treatment;
- Pathophysiology and therapeutics research to address viral hepatitis infection, the effects of viral hepatitis on body systems and viral hepatitis’ interaction with other co-morbidities and co-infections;
- Implementation, operations, health services and health systems research to improve the viral hepatitis prevention, care and treatment care continuum;
- Research on integrated bio-behavioral viral hepatitis prevention, care and treatment among high risk populations, including polysubstance drug (injection and non-injection) and alcohol use;
- Community-based viral hepatitis research on complex/multi-component interventions, structural interventions, comparative effectiveness and impact evaluation or health economics;
- Attention to issues of resources expended, program costs, cost-effectiveness or other economic outcomes;
- Methods and models for stakeholder analyses pertinent to desired outcomes (for patients, families, providers, administrators and policymakers);
- Increasing the evidence for the use of mobile technology to improve clinical outcomes and public health;
- Cross-disciplinary viral hepatitis research among vulnerable or under-researched LMIC populations, including women, substance (drug and alcohol) users, men who have sex with men, transgendersed populations, aging populations, orphans and children.
Career Development and Training

A second and main component of the GPHA is the career development plan. Applicants must provide a detailed career development plan outlining their research skill-building activities and training. There should be a reasonable balance as well as synergy between research and career development activities outlined within this two-year award period.

ELIGIBLE REGIONS

Certain countries from the following regions are eligible to apply (see the list of eligible countries in Appendix A)
- Africa
- Commonwealth of Independent States, specifically: Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine
- Latin America and Caribbean
- South and Southeast Asia

KEY PROGRAM DATES

- The GGHSA will have a quarterly rolling submission structure. Submissions will be reviewed four times a year and announced at regional events and meetings.

APPLICANT’S ELIGIBILITY

This award is intended for junior faculty or post-doctoral students who are in the early stages of their career. Applicants must meet the following requirements:
- Hold an M.D., D.O., Ph.D. or equivalent degree at time of award;
- Must be a primary appointment scholar;
- Must be a citizen or permanent resident of the region/country in which the institution is located and where they propose to conduct the research, or otherwise hold a temporary study or nonimmigrant visa that allows legal residency in the region/country in which the institution of affiliation and the research will be performed. Such visa must be valid for the two-year award period;
- Within five years of a faculty appointment in association with a research institution;
- Strong career interest in research and viral hepatitis;
• Have a research mentor with extensive experience in the field of viral hepatitis;
• Able to devote at least 60 percent of professional time to research (versus administrative, patient care or teaching responsibilities);
• Demonstrate acceptable progress on proposed research strategy within the two-year award period, providing evidence (manuscript, presentation or abstracts) for future research projects.

GILEAD’S REVIEW CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

In their evaluation, the Committee will consider each of the review criteria below.

1. **Applicant**
   • Applicant has the potential to develop as an independent and productive researcher addressing scientifically significant topics that reflect the health priorities of the country where the research is being conducted;
   • Relevant prior training and research experience;
   • Record of high quality academic, clinical (if relevant) and research delivery/performance.

2. **Research Plan**
   • Strong scientific premise for the project;
   • Proposed research question, design, and methodology are novel, scientifically significant, creative, and of technical merit;
   • Research plan is relevant to the applicant’s research career objectives;
   • Research plan is appropriate to the stage of research development and as a vehicle for developing the research skills described in the career development plan;
   • Research plan addresses an area of health priority and scientific importance to the LMIC;
   • If it is anticipated that the applicant’s research project will involve human subjects, applicants should describe how they will receive education in the protection of human subjects and obtain approval from an institutional (or ethical) review board at the institution where the research will be conducted.
3. **Career Development Plan**

- Provide an overview of the proposed two-year career development and research plan;
- Outline the career goals and objectives of the two-year plan and the activities that will be used to meet these objectives;
- Applicant should propose a training program including a mentored training experience at an LMIC research site;
- Demonstrate the likelihood that the career development plan will contribute to the applicant's ability to conduct productive research;
- The development plan is appropriate when considered in the context of prior training/research experience and the stated objectives for training and research career;
- Detailed plans for mentors to monitor and evaluate the applicant's research and career development progress;
- Career development plan demonstrates a clear commitment to a research career in LMIC settings;
- Applicants are encouraged to include plans to obtain additional training in areas such as:
  - research design, research ethics and statistical analysis
  - short supplemental training opportunities to obtain specific research skills or methods directly applicable to proposed research projects
  - enhancing research leadership and management such as oral and written skills needed to achieve success in scholarly presentations
  - writing and obtaining scholarly grant applications;
- Where appropriate, all applicants and mentors should describe the plans for instructions in laboratory, field and/or project management.

4. **Mentor(s), Co-Mentor(s), Advisor(s), Collaborator(s)**

- Primary LMIC mentor's qualifications are in the area of the proposed research; Primary mentor and any co-mentors adequately address the applicant's potential, strengths and areas needing improvement;
- Adequate description of the quality and extent of the primary LMIC mentors in providing guidance and advice to the applicant;
- Mentor's descriptions of the elements of the research career development activities are adequate;
- Evidence of the primary LMIC mentor's experience in fostering the development of successful researchers in the LMIC;
- Evidence of previous research productivity and peer-reviewed support;
- Plans for monitoring and evaluating the career development awardee's progress are adequate;
- If a mentoring team is proposed, the qualifications of the co-mentors, the quality of the planned roles for advice, and scheduled meeting frequency of the mentoring team with the awardee are adequate.

5. **Environment and Institutional Commitment to the Awardee**

- Clear commitment of the LMIC institution to ensure that a minimum of 60 percent of the awardee's full-time professional effort will be devoted directly to the research and career development activities described in the application with the remaining percent effort being devoted to an appropriate balance of research, teaching, administrative and clinical responsibilities;
- The institutional commitments from the LMIC institution to the career development of the awardee and for the mentors are appropriately strong;
• The research facilities, resources and training opportunities at the LMIC institutions, including faculty capable of productive collaboration with the awardee, are adequate and appropriate;
• The environment for scientific and professional development of the awardee are of high quality;
• Assurance that the LMIC institution intends the awardee to be an integral part of its research program.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Applications must be completed online and submitted electronically through Gilead’s grants portal. The required Supplementary Materials (listed below) will need to be uploaded with the grant application at the time of submission.

The application, which includes all questions that will appear in the Gilead grants portal, is in Appendix B. All fields within the online application must be completed or an applicant will not be able to submit. An applicant can save and return to the online application at any time prior to final submission.

The following Supplementary Materials should be uploaded as attachments into the grants portal. Gilead is not providing templates for the documents listed below.

Applicant/Candidate
• Bio sketch with personal statement regarding intended career path, inclusive of publications, if applicable.

Mentor
• Bio sketch;
• Bibliography of relevant references (maximum of 20);
• Letter of support from mentor outlining:
  o mentor’s record of productivity, funding, and success with prior trainees;
  o detailed description of the developmental plan for the candidate including the mentor’s plans for providing adequate advice and guidance throughout the course of the award;
  o a description of monitoring and evaluation activities;
  o availability of resources appropriate to the proposed research project;
  o provision of protected time and available laboratory facilities (where applicable) to ensure that the candidate’s development and research will progress in a positive manner;
• Certification of Faculty Appointment from mentor is required.

Institution
• Letter of support, provided on institutional letterhead, from the department chair or division chief that documents the institution is willing and able to commit the resources necessary for the applicant to complete the proposed research, including sufficient protected time.

The applicant should upload all of the above documents when submitting the application.

BUDGET GUIDELINES

Indirect Costs
To maximize the research benefit of the award, researchers should limit the utilization of the GPHA to cover indirect costs. Indirect costs may not exceed 10 percent of the award value. For example, a $50,000 award ($25,000* two years) may only have $5,000 allocated ($2,500* two years) towards indirect costs.

**Salaries**

The applicant may allocate salary support annually in accordance with local customary compensation and fringe benefits support for the applicant and/or a technician. Salaries and fringe benefits for mentors, post-doctoral fellows or students may not be included.

**Travel and Training**

Up to $1,500 per year for awardee travel to a scientific meeting for presentation of data may be included. Applicants may include costs to support training up to $2,500 per year.

**Other Allowable Costs**

Applicants may include costs to support mentored research projects. Costs should not exceed $10,000 per year.

**FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS**

If you are selected as an award recipient, you and your institution must agree to the following items, including, but not limited to:

**Exclusive Use of Funding**

To maximize the research benefit of the award, the program encourages applicants to limit the utilization of the award to cover indirect costs. Indirect costs may not exceed 10 percent of the award value. Funding is contingent upon Committee approval of the itemized budget. This award is developed as a restricted donation and is not considered a research grant.

**Use of Gilead Product**

Proposals utilizing Gilead product(s) are not eligible for funding through the GGHSA. Proposals involving Gilead product(s) should be submitted for review under the Investigator-Sponsored Research Grant Program through our online portal: [http://www.gilead.com/research/investigator-sponsored](http://www.gilead.com/research/investigator-sponsored).

**Progress Reports**

Awardees must submit research and career development progress and budget reconciliation reports for the Committee’s review annually. In addition, each awardee must provide a letter from their mentor/senior investigator informing the Committee about his or her progress over the course of the year and areas of improvement/development. Funding for the second year is contingent upon Committee approval of the research and the career development progress report.

**Publications**

The support received under the GPHA must be acknowledged in any publication or abstracts resulting from research funded by this award.

**Intellectual Property**

The host institution shall retain ownership of any invention conceived and reduced to practice during the length of the award resulting solely from the Research Plan. The invention shall be Confidential Information of the institution.

**Compliance with Law**

Award recipients will comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") and the U.K. Bribery Act 2010.
**Studies Involving Human Subjects and Laboratory Animals**
A copy of the submission to the institutional review board (IRB) must be submitted prior to award, if the research project includes investigations on human subjects. Award will be contingent upon IRB approval. If the research project involves laboratory animals, applicant must certify that he/she will comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to care and use of animals in research prior to award.

**Change of Award Recipient, Institution or Discontinuation**
The GPHA Coordinator must be notified immediately if the award recipient leaves the host institution or discontinues the research funded by the program. In the event the award recipient moves to another institution, the Committee may transfer or suspend the award at their sole discretion. The new host institution must also agree to accept the terms and conditions of the existing award. In the event the host institution or award recipient is unable to complete the research or desires to discontinue the research before its completion, the institution will be required to return all unexpended funds and any remaining award will be terminated.

The Committee’s preference would be that neither the award recipient nor the mentor/senior investigator leave the research institution before the end of the two-year award period.

**Award Agreement**
Award recipients and their institutions will be required to enter into a written grant agreement with Gilead Sciences, Inc. prior to receipt of funding.

**Notices of Additional Awards and Funding**
Award recipients and their institutions, as relevant, will be required submit a written notice to Gilead Sciences, Inc. disclosing any other awards or grants connected to the award recipient. This is required for the purposes of transparency.
REGISTRATION LINK AND CONTACT INFORMATION

To register as an applicant and submit a proposal through the grants portal, please visit the following link: http://www.gilead.com/responsibility/corporate-contributions/north-america/how-to-apply

If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact:

Gilead Public Health Award
Attn: GPHA Coordinator
E-mail: Grants@gilead.com
Subject line: GPHA Viral Hepatitis Program
### APPENDIX A – Eligible Countries

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APPENDIX B – Sample Grant Application

The below application is a sample only. Organizations are required to submit applications using the online form available at http://grants.gilead.com/.

Before applying, carefully review the eligibility requirements, terms and conditions, and frequently asked questions.

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Please answer all sections below and ensure the application is typewritten. If you have any questions about the application form, please email grants@gilead.com.

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## Executive Summary

### Therapeutic Area/Primary Sub Therapeutic Area
- Liver Disease
  - Liver Disease – HBV
  - Liver Disease – HCV
  - NASH

### Grant Type
- Medical/Scientific

### Program Type
- AOEM Research Scholars Program / Fellowships (medical or scientific)

### Intended Use
- Research

### Topics
- Adherence
- Aging
- B-cell lymphoma
- Barriers to care
- Bone
- Clinical trials
- Co-infection HBV
- Co-infection HCV
- Co-infection HIV
- Co-morbidities
- Combination therapy
- Communication
- Conference coverage
- Cost effectiveness
- Cost of care
- Diagnosis
- Disease management
- Drug safety
- General
- General prevention
- Guidelines
- Guidelines and recommendations
- HBV in immunosuppressed
- HBV in pregnancy
- Health IT
- Identification
- Implementation Sciences
- Improve health outcomes
- Linkage to care
- Management
- Mental health
- New and emerging agents
- Operational research
- Patient characteristics
- Patient counselling
- People Who Inject Drugs
- Reactivation
- Recent data
- Referral
- Renal
- Research projections
- Resistance
- Retention
- Retention in care
- Risk reduction
- Solid tumor
- Special populations
- Substance abuse
- Testing and Screening
- Treatment
- Treatment strategy

### Event/Project/Program Title

### Grant Currency
- USD

### Amount Requested from Gilead

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• Black or African Descent  
• Hispanic or Latinos  
• Asian  
• Pacific Islander  
• People who inject drugs (current or former)  
• Tattooing and ritual cutting such as scarification  
• People co-infected with HBV/HDV  
• People co-infected with HBV/HCV  
• People co-infected with HIV/HCV  
• Trans  
• Incarcerated/Formerly incarcerated  
• Other ethnic, national, religious or linguistic minorities  
• General population  
• Pregnant women, mothers and babies  
• Infants (0-1)  
• Children (1-12)  
• Youth (13-17)  
• Young Adults (18-24)  
• Adults (25-50)  
• Aging adults (over 50)  
• People co-infected with viral hepatitis and malaria  
• Men/Boys  
• Indigenous people  
• Refugees/Displaced people/Migrants  
• Rural populations  
• Families and caregivers  
• General LGBTQI  
• Sex workers  
• People co-infected with HIV/TB  
• People with disabilities  
• People with mental health disorders  
• Recipients of clotting factor, blood transfusions or organ transplants  
• Women/Girls  
• Economically disadvantaged/Homeless  
• Healthcare workers  
• Orphans and vulnerable children  
• Other  
• Key affected populations not broken down |
| Secondary Target Population | See above |
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• Intra-country/Regional  
• State  
• Local/City/Community |
### Application Questions

1. Applicant’s Personal Statement

2. Please elaborate on past work experiences that make you uniquely qualified for this fellowship, including any past or current joint collaborations; include references where applicable

3. Research Abstract

4. Research Plan – Description of Research Objectives

5. Relevant literature, study design, specific aim, methodology and anticipated results

6. How does your research proposal align with the program research objectives?

7. Detailed description of analytical methods

8. Potential research challenges and solutions

9. Career Development Plan; please describe your career aspirations and motivations and how they align with the program objectives

10. How are your institution and mentor supportive of this research proposal and the objectives of the Gilead Public Health Award?

11. Briefly describe any intended collaborators and their role in the planning and implementation of this project

12. Provide any additional information or explanations not discussed in the above sections

### Supporting Documents

- Mentor’s bio sketch, including bibliography of relevant references (maximum 20)
- Mentor’s letter of support for applicants/letter of support from mentor
- Applicant’s bio sketch, including bibliography of relevant references (maximum 20)
- Certification of faculty appointment (from institution)
- Department Chair or Division Chief letter of support for applicant on institutional letterhead

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**Total Project:**

**Total Amount Requested from Gilead:**

**Section E**

**Mandatory Disclosures**

1. Has the organization or its officers, directors, employees or agents been investigated or convicted of criminal or civil violations, including but not limited to bribery, fraud, tax evasion, export or antitrust violations?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Does the organization or any of its directors or executive management members have any relationships (family or business) with any government, government entities or government officials?  *If yes, please provide details.*

☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Does the organization currently employ or have any plans to employ a government official or the relative of such a person as an employee, consultant, contractor or in any other capacity?  
If yes, please provide details.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

4. Is the organization or any of its directors or executive management members in a position to purchase, influence, affect or recommend the purchase of Gilead products?  
If yes, please provide details.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Privacy Consent

By entering your details on this questionnaire you hereby consent to the processing of any personal information you have included in the questionnaire, and you confirm that you have the relevant rights and/or permissions to provide such personal information to Gilead. Gilead, and its affiliate companies, shall process such personal information for the purpose of conducting due diligence checks. You also consent to being contacted by Gilead for the purposes of reviewing the questionnaire and informing you of the outcome of these due diligence checks.

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Please check an option below

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Anti-Corruption Policy
Attached as “Appendix A” is Gilead’s Anti-Corruption Policy. Please review the Policy.

Once you have thoroughly reviewed Gilead’s Anti-Corruption Policy, please certify whether you will comply with said policy. If you have any questions or do not understand any aspect of the policy, do not certify your compliance and instead reach out to Gilead with any questions.

**Please check an option below**

☐ I have read Gilead’s Anti-Corruption Policy and will comply with Gilead’s Anti-Corruption Policy.

### Acknowledgment of Terms

**Please read each term below, and check the corresponding box if you agree to the term**

☐ If grant-awarded by Gilead, we will ensure that all activity in connection with the project/funding is compliant with laws/regulations and any applicable Code of Practice.

☐ For the avoidance of doubt, we understand that the receipt of a grant shall impose no obligation upon the Grantee to promote or otherwise encourage the prescription, recommendation, purchase, supply, sale or administration of the products of Gilead or its affiliates.

☐ We understand that any provisional offer of grant funding by Gilead is subject to a contractual agreement setting out the terms of such funding; the contractual agreement must be signed and returned to Gilead prior to the commencement of any grant-funded activities; we must abide by the stipulations of the grant or donation set forth in the contractual agreement.

☐ If grant-awarded by Gilead, we agree to disclose the source of funding on all project specific materials and, if applicable, the organization website.

☐ We understand that Gilead may disclose the provision of this grant or donation via its website, and that the disclosure may include the following information: the name of the organization, a brief description of the activity and/or the amount of money provided.

☐ I acknowledge and understand that indirect costs cannot exceed 10 percent of the grant award.

☐ My institution has been informed and accepts that a minimum of 60 percent of my full time professional effort will be devoted directly to the research and career development activities described in the application.

**By entering my name below, I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Name and Title

Date