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# Gilead's Research Scholars Program in Liver Disease

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# Gilead's Research Scholars Program

Gilead's Research Scholars Program supports innovative research from emerging investigators around the world to advance scientific knowledge in areas of unmet medical needs and improve the lives of patients everywhere.

Since 2008, Gilead's Research Scholars Program has invested more than \$30 million USD into meaningful research conducted by more than 235 scholars.

Gilead's Research Scholars Program is committed to building a more diverse and inclusive scientific community. Award selections are made without discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, genetic information or characteristic, gender identity and expression. Visit [www.Gilead.com/RSP](http://www.Gilead.com/RSP) to learn more.

## Global Liver Disease Program Overview

The program is designed to support innovative basic, translational and clinical scientific research related to Liver Disease. This may include, but is not limited to, research focused on:

- Chronic viral hepatitis (B, C, D)
- Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)
- End-stage liver disease and its complications
- Non-viral chronic liver diseases
- Basic, clinical, and translational research related to liver disease
- Health economics outcomes research relating to liver disease

The Global Liver Disease program joins 3 previously separate regional programs. Three awardees will be selected in total. One award will be allocated to the US & Canada region, one to Europe / Australia and one award to the eligible Asian countries. Applicants from each of these regions will be reviewed by their respective Scientific Review Committee only.

Each awardee is funded up to \$130,000 USD over two years, paid as annual installments of \$65,000 USD per year directly to the scholar's institution. Funding for the second year is contingent upon submission of a progress report and approval by the Scientific Review Committee Chair.

## Program Timeline

From application submission to award disbursement, the program timeline is as follows

**Application deadline:** May 1, 2022

**Applicant notification:** September 1, 2022

**Applicant disbursement:** November 12-15, 2022



**“The Gilead Research Scholars program allowed me to fund critical research at an early stage of my independent career, which I could not have done without the award.”**

– Dr. Daniel Hodson

# Application Information

Applications will be reviewed and selected by an independent [Scientific Review Committee](#) comprised of internationally recognized experts in basic and clinical research in the field of Liver Disease.

## Eligibility

The Research Scholars Program in Liver Disease is open to emerging investigators from the US, Canada, Europe, Australia and certain Asian countries. For a full list of eligible countries, please visit the [eligibility section](#) of the program.

## Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Hold an MD, PhD, or equivalent degree at time of award
- Anticipate receiving a faculty appointment or an assistant professorship within 3 years, in association with a research institution in one of the eligible countries
- Have a strong career interest in liver disease
- Have a research mentor with extensive experience in the field of liver disease
- Be able to devote approximately 50% of their professional time to research for the next 2 years (versus administrative, patient care, or teaching responsibilities)
- Be able to complete the proposed research within the 2-year award period, providing evidence (manuscript, presentation, or abstracts) resulting from the research

*An applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of one of the eligible countries or subject to the requirements noted below with regards to temporary visa/work permits. This visa must be valid for the duration of the award period or the applicant must be able to demonstrate that they are eligible for an extension, renewal or other status that will enable the applicant to undertake the research for the entirety of the two-year award.*

## Criteria for Selection

In their evaluation, the Committee will consider the following criteria:

- Evaluation of the applicant
- Evaluation of the Mentor Support and Mentoring Plan
- Evaluation of the proposal

*To ensure equal opportunities for all applicants, the Scientific Review Committee do not consider the prominence of the institution or mentor within the scoring criteria, only that you have, and articulate, a robust training and mentoring plan and access to a Scientific Environment and Mentor with the experience and explicit commitment to support your proposal*

Awards granted under the program 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 receiving or may receive partial funding from other sources are required to submit appropriate evidence, as outlined in the current and pending funding form.

Proposals utilizing Gilead product(s) are not eligible for funding through the Research Scholars Program. Proposals involving Gilead product(s) should be submitted for review under the Investigator-Sponsored Research Grant Program through the [ISR online portal](#).

Applications must be completed online and submitted electronically with the required supplementary materials.

Visit the [Research Scholars Program application portal](#) for detailed information about eligibility, application requirements and supplementary materials, research proposal guidelines, and criteria for selection.

# Budget Guidelines

## Indirect Costs

In an effort to maximize the research benefit of the award, the program encourages that every effort be made to minimize the utilization of the award to cover indirect costs. Indirect costs may not exceed 10% of the award value, and are included as part of the budget, not as an addition to the value of the award (subject to local variances to be approved by Gilead Sciences). Indirect costs are defined as overhead costs paid directly to the institution, for example maintenance of labs/space and departmental/admin costs.

## Salaries

The applicant may allocate up to \$50,000 USD\* per year in salary 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.

## Supplies

Supplies such as disposables, chemicals, reagent kits, animals, etc., may be included. Equipment purchases with a single item value of greater than \$2,500 USD may not be included.

## Travel

Up to \$1,500 USD per year for applicant's travel to a scientific meeting for presentation of project data may be included.

\*Amount subject to local country terms and conditions

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**“The Gilead Research Scholars Program award provided additional support and funding to really make my research more innovative.”**

– Dr. Kristine Mace Erlandson



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# Contact Information

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