**ILAE Research Skills Bursaries of the Neurobiology Commission**

The Neurobiology Commission of the International League Against of Epilepsy (ILAE) is offering **Research Skills** bursaries for young trainees and investigators to undertake short **laboratory visits** to acquire training in a new neurobiology method or technology to advance their research career. The bursaries will cover expenses (e.g. travel, accommodation) to a maximum of $2,000 per applicant.

Eligible individuals are trainees and investigators within a graduate program or up to 10 years after the completion of their graduate degree (MD, PhD, Pharm D or equivalent) who are involved in research on the neurobiology of epilepsy. Preference will be given to eligible candidates who live and work in countries with limited resources or low and lower-middle income economies according to WHO classifications (<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519>) or individuals from countries with more developed economies who provide evidence of financial constraints preventing attendance to the designated activity.

Eligible activities include scientific training where in-person interaction is essential. Examples include learning a new model of epilepsy, skills with imaging/microscopy/neurophysiology etc. The bursaries are not intended to support attendance at traditional meetings or workshops (organized or not by the ILAE). The activity is not intended to be used to generate original data and should specifically focus on acquiring skills in a method or technology which will be brought back to their host laboratory and implemented to expand the research capabilities of the applicant.

Applicants are required to submit:

(a) completed request form,

(b) a biosketch

(c) description and agenda of the targeted scientific activity

(d) evidence of acceptance at the targeted scientific activity

Selection will be done competitively by the members of the Neurobiology Commission of the ILAE. All funds awarded must be spent in 2023.

Please **email** this request form and all requested documents

**by August 1st 2023** to:**nbcbursaries@ilae.org**

Please address the request to:

**David C. Henshall, PhD, Neurobiology Commission of the ILAE, Chair.**

Please include **“NBC Research Skills application”** in the email subject line.

1. **Date of request (MM/DD/YEAR):**
2. **Applicant’s information:**

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| **First Name:** |  |
| **Last Name:** |  |
| **Degrees / Title:** |  |
| **Gender:** |  |
| **Citizenship:** |  |
| **Applicant’s address:** |  |
| **Applicant’s email:** |  |
| **Affiliated institution’s name:** |  |
| **Affiliated institution’s address:** |  |
| **Total amount requested (in US dollars):****Breakdown of estimated expenses:**  |  |
| **Is other financial support provided or sought for this purpose?** ***I****f yes or not known yet, please provide sponsor’s name and purpose of support:* | **[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not known yet** |

1. **Description of research skills training opportunity:**

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| **Name/Title of planned activity:**  |  |
| **Type of planned activity:** |  |
| **Location of planned activity:** |  |
| **Dates of planned activity:** |  |
| **Organizing institution or person(s):** |  |
| **Website link to the agenda of the activity (if applicable):** |  |
| **Is ILAE organizing and/or sponsoring the scientific activity?** | **[ ]  Yes** **[ ]  No** **[ ]  I don’t know** |
| **Has applicant been accepted / invited in the scientific activity?***If yes, please attach evidence of acceptance / invitation (see section 6, requested documents).****I****f not known yet, please provide date of expected decision on attendance (MM/DD/YEAR):* | **[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not known yet** |

1. **Relevance of research skills activity for applicant’s career / research (500 words max)**

*How is the planned research skills training expected to enhance applicant’s career and epilepsy research?*

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1. **Why is the ILAE bursary of the Neurobiology Commission important for the applicant to attend this activity? (500 words max)**

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1. **Please provide the following requested documents:**

**[ ]** Up to date applicant’s biosketch (e.g. NIH style) or short CV

[ ]  Description and agenda of planned scientific activity

[ ]  Evidence of acceptance / invitation at the planned scientific activity