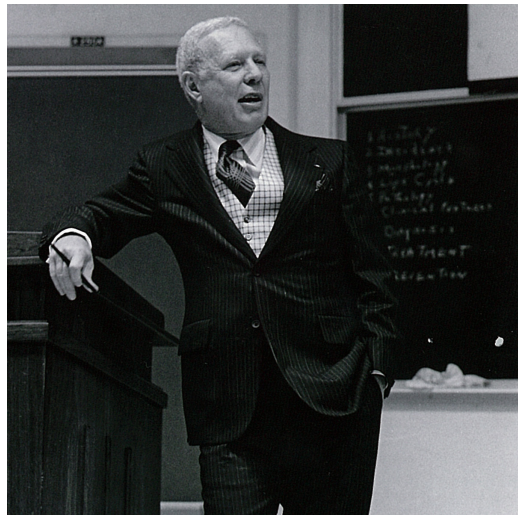




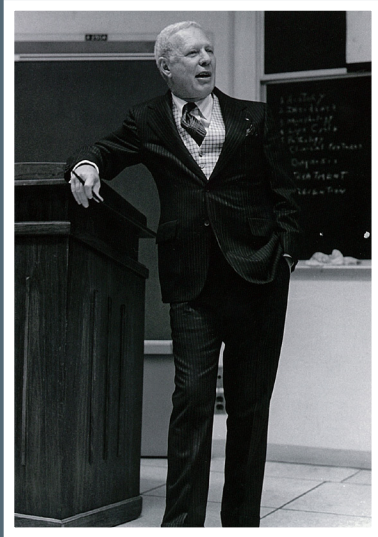
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Benjamin H. Kean

Travel Fellowship in Tropical Medicine



**Application Deadline:
March 14, 2024**



About Benjamin H. Kean and the Kean Travel Fellowship in Tropical Medicine

Benjamin H. Kean, MD (1912-1993), an internationally acclaimed expert in tropical medicine, discovered the causes of several diseases including turista, also known as travelers' diarrhea. Moreover, he was a renowned teacher, researcher and practitioner of tropical medicine whose mentorship and support enabled many medical students and physicians-in-training to begin and sustain their careers in tropical medicine. He fiercely maintained that early hands-on experience in the tropics was the best way to stimulate a career in tropical medicine. Dr. Kean was instrumental in helping many medical students obtain these fundamental experiences that spurred lifetime commitments.

In 1998, to honor Dr. Kean and build on his legacy of engaging students in an interest in and passion for tropical medicine, the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene established a fellowship in Dr. Kean's name — The Benjamin H. Kean Travel Fellowship in Tropical Medicine. The Fellowship honors his significant contributions to the field and perhaps more importantly, enables his passion for teaching and mentoring to continue.

The Fellowship provides travel expenses for medical students who arrange clinical tropical medicine or tropical medicine research electives in areas afflicted by diseases or illnesses common in the tropics.

Kean Fellowship Overview

- Open to full-time medical students in accredited schools of medicine in the United States or Canada.
- Research or clinical training in tropical medicine or global health with at least one month at an overseas site for endemic diseases or illnesses common in the tropics.
- Elective must begin after June 1, 2024.
- Fellowship includes:
 - ▶ 3-years complimentary membership
 - ▶ Round-trip coach airfare to/from the candidate's home institution to the overseas site
 - ▶ \$1,000 US stipend
 - ▶ Complimentary meeting registration to the 2024 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- **Preference given to ASTMH student members (\$15 annual dues).**
- Notice of selection in early May 2024.

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Award Notice

Applicants will be notified of fellowship decisions in early May 2024.

Open to full-time medical students in accredited schools of medicine in the United States or Canada.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a full-time medical student in an accredited school of medicine in the United States or Canada at the time of the application and at the time of the elective.
- Applicant must propose an elective conducting research or clinical training in tropical medicine or global health with at least one month at a site for endemic diseases or illnesses common in the tropics, starting after June 1, 2024.

Preference will be given to:

- Applications sponsored by a member of the American Committee on Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health (ACCTMTH – Clinical Group).
- Applications proposing electives lasting longer than one month.
- Applicants who have not had previous extensive overseas experience.
- Applications that propose study of diseases or illnesses common in the tropics other than HIV/AIDS.
- Applicants with student membership in ASTMH (\$15, [learn more](#)).

Funding

Financial support for clinical and research electives in tropical medicine as follows:

- Round-trip coach airfare (best-price ticketing) to and from the overseas location indicated in recipient's application form.
- \$1,000 US stipend to offset additional travel expenses. ASTMH does not reimburse costs for research expenses.
- Complimentary meeting registration to the 2024 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- 3-years complimentary membership.

Exclusions

The Fellowship does not support electives in non-tropical areas or participation in organized didactic courses.

Automatic declines:

- Applications indicating a start date before June 1, 2024.
- Applications indicating less than one month at the overseas site.

Final Report

Fellowship recipients are required to submit a maximum three-page report within 30 days outlining the Fellowship experience and lessons learned. Reports should be submitted to Rhonda Schultz, Manager, Board and Fellowships, rschultz@astmh.org. Periodically, recipients may be invited to present their reports at the Society's Annual Meeting.

2023 Fellowship Recipients

CONGRATULATIONS



Victoria Avanzato
NIH/NIAID, United States



Alexandra Burgess
*Brown University,
United States*



Greta Becker
University of Iowa, United States



Anand Chukka
*Harvard Medical School,
United States*



Olivia Bednarski
Indiana University, United States



Kelly Fowler
*University of Arkansas for Medical
Sciences, United States*



Isabelle Bernard
University of Alberta, Alberta, Canada



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University of Virginia, United States



Srijana Bhattarai Chhetri
*University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill, United States*



Michelle Hillman
*University of Massachusetts Chan
Medical School, United States*



Sujata Bhattarai Chhetri
*University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill, United States*



Zara Khan
*University of Texas Southwestern
Medical School, United States*

2023 Fellowship Recipients (cont.)

CONGRATULATIONS



Zachary Linneman
*University of Minnesota Medical School,
United States*



Preethiya Sekar
University of Minnesota, United States



Rubab Malik
*Johns Hopkins University School of
Medicine, United States*



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United States*



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at Quinnipiac University, United States*



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United States*

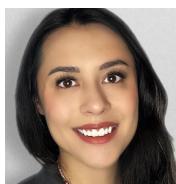


Sydney Puerto-Meredith
*University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill School of Medicine,
United States*

For the complete list
of recipients please
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Karl Reis
Columbia University, United States



Sarah Sebastian
University of Virginia, United States



This was my first time involved in the field work portion of a global health research project, which was very exciting for me and I'm very grateful for the opportunity and support."

Victoria Avanzato, Emory University
School of Medicine, United States.
Overseas site: Ethiopia



Application Process

Online application site opens February 22, 2024. [Submit your application here.](#)

Selection will be based on academic and/or research credentials, recommendations, proposal quality and the likelihood of the Fellowship to spur a career in tropical medicine. Please note that the Fellowship must be used in the awarded year.

Applicants are encouraged to gather all application materials prior to online submission. Although it is possible to edit the application prior to the deadline, the submission process will be smoother and more efficient if the complete application packet of materials is posted in one session.

Application packet must include:

- 1. Career interests:** A one-page (approximate) narrative describing:
 - Interest in tropical medicine (not to exceed 1,000 characters)
 - Prior overseas experience (not to exceed 500 characters)
 - Short- and long-term career objectives (not to exceed 500 characters)
- 2. Curriculum vitae:** Information from CV related to education, training, work experience, prior research experience, any publications or abstracts, honors and awards.
- 3. Letter of recommendation:** One letter of recommendation, submitted as a PDF or Word file, from a supervising faculty mentor from applicant's medical school.

If the applicant's project includes human or animal research, the letter of recommendation from the supervising faculty mentor must confirm that approvals are in place (or document that such approval is in process or will be sought) at both the home institution and the overseas site. If the project does not involve human or animal subjects, the letter of recommendation from the supervising faculty mentor should explain that approval for human or animal research is not applicable for the study.

Please note: Since it is not possible to set up and execute a research project that involves humans or animals in a few weeks, any student proposing to perform such research during the elective must be performing that work as part of an ongoing project.



This experience also facilitated incredible networking opportunities with global health researchers, clinicians, and leaders.”

*Kelly Fowler, University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences, United States
Overseas site: Rwanda*



Applicant Responsibility

The submission site will prompt the applicant to provide information for the supervising faculty mentor. The submission program will then generate an email to this individual with instructions to upload the letter to the application site. The supervising faculty mentor providing this letter of recommendation must upload the letter directly to the application site.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the mentor has received the email generated by the submission site and uploads the letter by the March 14 deadline. After March 14, any application without the required letter of recommendation will be disqualified.

1. Overseas mentor approval: The applicant is responsible for uploading the overseas mentor approval letter to the application site.

Written approval (submitted as a PDF or Word file) from a mentor who will be present at the overseas site during the elective. This person may be the same as the home medical school mentor if he/she will be on site for the elective. The applicant must obtain this document from the overseas mentor prior to posting to the online application.

2. Elective proposal includes:

- Title of study/project
- Location of overseas site
- Dates and duration of elective
- Description of overseas site (not to exceed 500 characters)
- Specific objectives of elective (not to exceed 500 characters)
- For research projects, a brief description of rationale and significance, methods and anticipated challenges and opportunities (not to exceed 2,000 characters)
- For clinical projects, a brief description of clinical activities and responsibilities (not to exceed 2,000 characters)
- Description of applicant's role in the project (not to exceed 500 characters)



This experience has been one of the most challenging, formative, and educational of my time in medical school.”

*Karl Reis, Columbia University
Overseas site: South Africa*



Applicant Checklist

- Career interests narrative
- CV information
- Letter of recommendation from supervising faculty mentor, including mentor confirmation of approval for human or animal research on behalf of both the home institution and overseas institution
- Overseas mentor approval letter
- Elective proposal

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Questions about online application process:

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Application timeline:

Application opens February 22

Application closes March 14

Notices sent in early May