

The main goal of the Nestlé Nutrition Institute (NNI) Research Fellowship program is to build capacity regarding nutrition research in the fields of Maternal and/or Child Health and Nutrition. All institutions offering a training programme in the area of Maternal and/or Child Health and Nutrition are eligible to be a host institution.

What is this Fellowship Grant for:

- The NNI will cover the fellow's roundtrip travel to the host Institution, lodging expenses and a monthly stipend in addition to any host institution fees and some study related expenses up to 20'000 CHF. The amount of 20'000 CHF applies for the longer length projects. A proportion of this amount will be paid to shorter duration projects. The money will be given to the host Institution which will disburse it to the fellow. In no case will any money be given directly from the NNI to the fellow.

Administrative requirements

- Fellowships are available for post graduate qualifications only.
- Fellow has to be affiliated with an academic/clinical institution
- Potential candidates should submit an application describing their interest in participating in the NNI Pediatric Nutrition Fellowship (an application form is attached)
- The application must be accompanied by the following:
 - 1. details of their current level of training,
 - 2. curriculum vitae,
 - 3. a plan of the proposed training/activity clearly indicating its specific outcomes and
 - 4. two letters of recommendation (1 from the institution where the candidate is working and 1 from the host institution).
- Host Institution (Sites) – any scientific institution offering a programme in the fields of Maternal and/or Child Health and Nutrition
- **Assessment of Applications**
A Panel of members of the NNI Faculty with relevant expertise in a given field will assess all **Fellowship applications. The following** will apply:
 - Priority consideration for this prestigious fellowship will be given to candidates in junior positions from emerging countries
 - The candidates history of previous or alternate grants will be taken into consideration
 - Candidates will be notified of the NNI's decision by letter.

Exclusions

The Panel will not accept applications, which are submitted by:

- Candidates who have already spent more than 12 months outside their home country during the 3 years preceding the application. Exceptions could be made if the **applicant can justify how this additional training will supplement the one(s) already obtained**
- Candidates who have already left their country at the time of applying for the fellowship.
- Candidates who have completed more than one half of any training programme they may already be enrolled in.

- Candidates who, at the time of submitting their application, already have a grant from any other training program
- Applications will not be entertained if the applicant's home country law prohibits the nature of this activity.

Conditions

- Successful candidates will be required to start their training within 1 year of being notified of the scholarship award.
- Duration of the support for the research training lasts for a minimum of 6 weeks to a maximum of 6 months.
- Upon certification, fellowship awardees return to their home countries.