



China Medical Board
Next Generation Fellowships
CMB 新星奖学金

2013 Competition Announcement

The **CMB Next Generation Fellowships** offer financial support for international study in the fields of health policy and systems sciences. The fellowships are intended to train a new generation of potential leaders in these health policy and systems sciences (HPS)

(http://www.iiebeijing.org/cmb/HPS_description.pdf) fields in China. *Training in the clinical or biomedical sciences is not supported by these fellowships.*

These fellowships are funded by the China Medical Board (www.chinamedicalboard.org), and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE) (www.iie.org). This announcement, and application forms for these fellowships, is available at www.iiebeijing.org/cmb/ng/ng.html.

Deadline for full applications: **1 December 2013.**

What the awards support

Degree-based Study: All Fellows must be accepted to a Master's degree program at a world-renowned institution outside Mainland China.

Areas of Study: The proposed study must be directly related to some aspect of HPS. For more detailed information about HPS, please visit:
www.iiebeijing.org/cmb/HPS_description.pdf.

Financial Support: This fellowship supports reasonable costs of full-time Master's degree study, in English, at a university outside of mainland China, typically for 10-24 months, with the degree to be provided by that university. Funding is limited to a maximum of US\$65,000 total, which is generally sufficient to support all costs of Master's degree study (including tuition, living allowance, travel, insurance etc.) for one year. For those who choose to study for two years, costs may exceed this maximum by as much as \$50,000, and applicants need to be prepared to cover any such additional cost. Fellows are not permitted to take on paid employment at any time during the grant period.

Recommended Schools: Applicants are encouraged to apply to schools on this recommended list:
www.iiebeijing.org/cmb/ng/UniversityListing.xls

If an applicant wishes to apply to schools that are not on this list, they must first consult with the IIE Beijing office and receive confirmation that their choice is acceptable, otherwise applications to other schools will not be accepted by the CMB Next Generation Fellowships program.

Next Generation Fellowships and Faculty Development Awards are not generally intended for study in Australia and Canada, for two reasons: (1) in similar fellowship programs, the fraction of scholars

choosing not to return to China from these countries is relatively high, and (2) the length of time for visa processing in these countries is longer and harder to predict than with other host countries, often complicating the timing of placement.

If applicants wish to apply for study in Australia or Canada, significant documentation will be required: for example, evidence of extended prior academic collaboration with a host professor. Any applicant interested in this possibility should contact the IIE Beijing office early in the application process to discuss options.

Who may apply

Each applicant:

- Must be a Chinese citizen, currently resident in mainland China
- Must be under 40 years of age on the final application deadline of 1 December 2013 (i.e. born after 1 December 1973)
- Must possess at least a Bachelor's Degree, obtained prior to September 2014. Priority in selection will be given to applicants with at least one year work experience or study experience beyond a bachelor's degree. We especially encourage young faculty to apply.
- Since health policy and systems sciences work is multidisciplinary, a wide range of skills and interests will be valuable, and therefore no rigid boundaries have been fixed regarding prior fields of study and experience. While individuals with backgrounds in purely clinical medicine or medical laboratory research are encouraged to apply, they should only do so if they intend to make a professional commitment to working in areas related to health policy and systems sciences. This fellowship opportunity is **not** designed to support training in clinical medicine or laboratory research.
- Must have a valid TOEFL or IELTS test score. If applying to US schools, applicants are responsible to prepare in advance to take the GRE if required by the school.
- Should be committed to returning to China, and working in fields related to HPS in China.

Eligibility Restrictions

Please note the following restrictions for application to the Next Generation Fellowships:

1. Those who submitted application forms for last year's Next Generation Fellowships competition (2012) but who were not selected, may **not** apply in 2013 but must wait until 2014 to apply.
2. Those who have submitted application forms in two previous cycles of the Next Generation Fellowships competition may **not** apply a third time.
3. Individuals may only apply for only one CMB competition in a given year. Those who choose to apply for the Faculty Development Awards in 2013 may **not** apply for a Next Generation Fellowship in 2013.

Review and Selection Criteria

Applicants will be judged based on a variety of criteria, including:

- Strong record of current academic achievement and ability
- Sufficient English skills to participate in demanding studies at the graduate level
- Importance and relevance of their study to health policy and systems sciences
- Leadership potential
- Potential for self-improvement as a result of their study
- Devotion to the health care profession, and to the people they serve

Before applying to schools for admission in Fall 2014, applicants must obtain a valid TOEFL or IELTS score. Many American schools require current GRE scores as well. Applicants must learn about and comply with the language and test requirements of the schools to which they apply. In the past three years, successful CMB Next Generation Fellowships applicants have usually had IELTS scores of 6.5 or higher, or TOEFL scores of 90 or higher. All criteria listed above are considered in reviewing applications; language scores are just one of several factors.

How to apply

*Applicants **must not** seek help from agencies that accept fees to help to arrange study abroad, either in the process of applying to schools, or in the process of applying for CMB funding. Applications which are found to have been prepared in this way will be disqualified from funding.*

Step 1. Applicants prepare a written application.

Applicants may visit www.iiebeijing.org/cmb/ng/ng.html to download an application form. Full applications must be submitted no later than **1 December 2013** (by postmark and email dates). Incomplete or delayed application forms will not be considered.

Applicants must prepare the following documents:

- a rigorous and lengthy application to this fellowship program
- a personal essay in English
- official, valid test results for either the TOEFL or IELTS test
- official, valid test results for the GRE test, if applying to schools in United States which require it
- 3 recommendation letters (using CMB Next Generation Fellowships Letters of Recommendation forms)
- other additional materials required by the application form (please refer to Application Part 2 for details)

Applicants must also apply to up to FIVE schools from the recommended schools list. If you have received IIE's confirmation that you can apply to a school not on the recommended schools list, please include a copy of this confirmation with your application materials. If you are admitted to a school that is not listed on your application as one of your targeted schools, the CMB Next Generation Fellowship will not be able to provide you with funding to attend that school, so please consider your choices carefully.

Step 2. Applications are reviewed, and semi-finalists are interviewed.

An independent selection panel of distinguished experts will review applications and interview semi-finalists in March 2014. IIE will plan to notify selected "Fellows-Elect" in April 2014.

Step 3. Selected finalists must still receive unconditional acceptance at schools.

Once selected, applicants will be considered "Fellows-Elect", advancing to "Fellow" status only after obtaining an unconditional offer from one of the five schools listed in their application. If a Fellow-Elect does not receive an unconditional offer from any of these schools before September 2014, they lose their Fellow-Elect status.

Contact us

We welcome questions and comments about the program by email (inquiries by phone or in person are not accepted). 本项目恕不接受电话和来访咨询。

Specific questions about management of this program should be directed to:

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