

## Program in Brief

In the framework of the support program for Chilean young researchers, the NIH Division of Intramural Research and CONICYT propose a plan of action for postdoctoral training entitled “NIH-CONICYT Research Career Transition Award Program”.

### Characteristics of the Program:

This program extends over 5-6 years and includes two phases:

#### Phase I (Postdoctoral Fellowship at NIH):

- 3 years of the post-doctoral training at one of the Institutes of the Intramural Research Program at NIH: principally Bethesda (MD), and also including Baltimore (MD), Frederick (MD), Research Triangle Park (NC), Phoenix (AZ), and Rocky Mountain Laboratory (MT).
- A follow-up committee is set up at NIH to evaluate the Program’s progress and may include an annual meeting of the awardees during which they will have to present their works. This committee issues an annual report in consultation with CONICYT.
- During the third and final year at NIH, the awardees will submit a research proposal to CONICYT and the sponsor Chilean University, including a plan for their return to Chile.
- Phase I is entirely financed by NIH which provides stipend support and benefits, through regular mechanisms of Visiting Fellow Program. NIH will pay coach airfare for the awardee and dependents to the US up to a maximum amount of \$ 2,000.
- CONICYT agrees to fund up to three (3) trips of the awardee to Chile in preparation of Phase II.

#### Phase II (Chile):

- After an evaluation of awardee research proposal, 2-3 years of a tenure-track academic position at the Chilean sponsor university with adequate support for developing a research career.

### Eligibility:

This Program is offered to promising young researchers (Ph.D.’s or MD’s) from Chile, at the end of their doctoral thesis or clinical specialty or subspecialty, who are considering a first postdoctoral stay.

### Permanent call for candidates:

Applications will be accepted on a permanent basis at the address indicated below. They will be evaluated twice a year. Selected candidates should take their position within 6 months.

### Procedure and evaluation:

It is the candidate’s responsibility to identify an NIH Mentor/Principal Investigator and to obtain the written approval (see “[Mentor’s Statement](#)”) from the Laboratory Director and the Institute Scientific Director. The research projects will be evaluated by international experts.

The selection of the candidates will be based in part on the following elements:

- The candidate's scientific background, publications and technology transfer activities.
- The scientific quality of the candidate's project and its adequacy with the host laboratory at NIH.
- The adequacy of the candidate's project with CONICYT and sponsor University missions.
- A letter of recommendation stating the abilities of the candidate as well as the pertinence of the post-doctoral project.
- The career track under consideration at the sponsor University in Chile after the post-doctoral training at NIH.

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**Application files will be available from the CONICYT website:** <http://www.conicyt.cl/>

**For more Information, consult the website of the NIH-CONICYT Program:**  
<http://fellowshipoffice.niddk.nih.gov/NIH-CONICYT/>