

## Fellowship Opportunity at the Population Council's Center for Biomedical Research in New York City

The [Population Council](#) is seeking applications for a laboratory scientist from Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal or Zambia who is studying/working in an institution in their home country, at the graduate student or faculty member level, with experience working in one or more of the Council's current biomedical research areas of interest noted below. The fellow will spend 3 months working in our [Center for Biomedical Research](#) (CBR). Upon returning to his/her home institution, the fellow will help to establish research collaborations between CBR staff and members of his/her home institution.

The fellowship provides an opportunity for a biomedical researcher to spend 3 months working at CBR alongside leading scientists in the field. CBR is a nonprofit product development center located on the campus of [Rockefeller University](#) in New York City. Our mission is to improve choice and access to products that promote sexual and reproductive health and address unmet global public health priorities. We partner with pharmaceutical companies to manufacture and market our products. Our facilities include six well equipped state of the art laboratories, with access to animal facilities, conducting basic research, preclinical R&D, and formulation and Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) manufacturing.

For more than 60 years, research conducted at CBR has addressed critical questions in reproductive health and supported the development of innovative products that help protect the health and well-being of millions of people worldwide, including seven US Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptive and reproductive health products. It is estimated that 170 million women are currently using a Council-developed contraceptive.

Current research areas of interest for this opportunity focus on basic, preclinical and early formulation research to investigate and explore new drug delivery systems, including:

1. Discovery and development of non-hormonal female and male contraceptive agents
2. Discovery and development of novel anti-HIV/anti-sexually transmitted infection (STI) agents
3. Development of novel HIV/STI cure strategies
4. Discovery and development of novel drug delivery systems
5. GMP manufacturing of anti-HIV/anti-STI proteins such as griffithsin
6. Phase 1 clinical trials of Council microbicides

The Population Council will cover travel-related costs and provide a stipend for cost of living expenses for the fellow. The Population Council will not provide any salary support for the fellow. The fellow's home institution is expected to continue to cover the fellow's salary during the 3-month fellowship period.

**To apply**, send the items listed below to [tzydowsky@popcouncil.org](mailto:tzydowsky@popcouncil.org) by **September 15, 2019**. Please put your last name and CBR Fellowship in the email subject line.

1. A cover letter that includes brief descriptions of your research experience/expertise applicable to the fellowship, your research interests and how they relate to the current CBR research areas of interest, and how the fellowship would facilitate achievement of your professional goals. Please also tell us how you heard about this opportunity.
2. An up-to-date curriculum vitae or resume.
3. A letter from your institution indicating they will provide salary support during the fellowship.
4. The names and contact information for three references.