

Public Call for IMFAHE'S Excellence Fellowships 2017-18



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Anticipated fellowship resolution: March 30th 2018

OVERVIEW AND GOALS OF IMFAHE'S EXCELLENCE FELLOWSHIPS

A key goal of the International Mentoring Foundation for the Advancement of Higher Education ([IMFAHE](#)) is to encourage and support the professional development of European scientists and professionals, promoting collaborations among national and international institutions and excellence in their professional development.

To advance this goal, IMFAHE, in collaboration with the Spanish universities of Valladolid, La Laguna, Europea Miguel de Cervantes, Politécnica de Valencia, Sevilla and Málaga (Campus de Excelencia Andalucía TECH) and UNIR, has created 11 Fellowships for the academic year 2017-18.

Through these fellowships, students affiliated to those universities, will be exposed to international experiences in top international institutions to learn about different cultural values, improve their communication skills in English, increase their professional network, and improve their soft skills.

50% of students who have received these fellowships have been hosted by Harvard University and MIT, in the past years.

FELLOWSHIPS INFORMATION

In 2017-18 will be launched 2 types of fellowships:

1. FELLOWSHIPS SPONSORED BY SPANISH UNIVERSITIES:

| Fellowships | IMP-Engineering | IMP-Biomedicine | IMP-Economics/Entrepreneurship |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| University of Valladolid-IMFAHE | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| University of La Laguna-IMFAHE | 1 | 1 | |
| University Europea Miguel de Cervantes, Valladolid (UEMC)-IMFAHE | | 1 | |
| University Politecnica de Valencia-IMFAHE | 1 | | |
| Campus Excelencia Andalucia TECH (Universities Sevilla & Malaga)-IMFAHE | 1 | 1 | |
| University International of la Rioja (UNIR)-IMFAHE | 1 | | |

All students registered in the academic year of IMP as a mentee, mentored by an international mentor, and affiliated within a University that funds the IMFAHE's Scholarship program are eligible to apply.

2. FELLOWSHIPS SPONSORED BY IMFAHE FOUNDATION:

In order to balance the under representation of women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), together with the entrepreneurial fields, this year, IMFAHE Foundation launches 1x IMFAHE's FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN IN STEM/ENTREPRENEURSHIP: All women mentees of the program, regardless of whether their University provides an IMFAHE's Scholarship or not, are eligible to apply.

These Fellowships include:

- a. IMFAHE-UNIVERSITY EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS: These 10 scholarships covers a J1 visa, medical insurance for 2 months and a scholarship of \$3,000 that can be used at the discretion of the student to cover a 2 month stay in the country of origin.
- b. IMFAHE's FELLOWSHIPS FOR WOMEN IN STEM / ENTREPRENEURSHIP: The scholarship covers a J1 visa, medical insurance for 3 months and a scholarship of \$4,000 that can be used at the student's discretion to cover a 3 month stay in the country of origin.

**There are some personal expenses that students will need to cover, which includes: visa management expenses at the American Embassy in Spain, located in Madrid, to which they will have to travel and personally present themselves (DS160 approx. \$160 and I-901 approx. \$180). These conditions are applicable for both scholarships.*

SELECTION PROCESS:

- a. IMFAHE-UNIVERSITY EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS:
 1. February 2nd through 20th of 2018: mentors will be asked to nominate and rank their students. They will rank their students based on their demonstration of hard work, team work, motivation, or English proficiency among others (**Doc 1: mentor nomination**).
 2. February 20th through March 7th of 2018: IMFAHE Foundation will request 2 documents from the mentees: an updated CV in [standard format](#) (**Doc 2: CV**) and one personal statement (**Doc 3: personal statement**) of 2 pages maximum (IMFAHE has released one workshop describing how to prepare a personal statement that may be very informative. To watch the workshop again, click [here](#)).
 3. March 7th through 15th of 2018: an evaluation committee of at least 3 independent reviewers will independently rank these 3 documents.
 4. March 15th through March 25th of 2018: IMFAHE will contact the top 1 selected students to decide what is the best hosting center based on their field of expertise/interests.

5. March 30th of 2018: release the name of the awardees in the First IMFAHE's Bulletin
6. Between April and July of 2018: J1 visa process and health insurance.

b. IMFAHE's FELLOWSHIPS FOR WOMEN IN STEM / ENTREPRENEURSHIP:

1. February 20th of 2018: Submit to IMFAHE Foundation (president@imfahe.org) 2 documents: an updated CV in [standard format](#) (**Doc 2: CV**) and one personal statement (**Doc 3: personal statement**) of 2 pages maximum (IMFAHE has released one workshop describing how to prepare a personal statement that may be very informative. To watch the workshop again click [here](#)). In the personal statement we will evaluate the applicant, previous professional experiences, ability to work hard and in collaboration, and proactivity. Also, why she considers this type of fellowships are important to advance her professional development, and how she can help other women in the future to promote equity in the representation of women in STEM and entrepreneur careers.
2. February 20th 2018: IMFAHE will request a recommendation letter to the international mentor.
3. March 7th through 15th of 2018: an evaluation committee of at least 3 independent reviewers will independently rank these 3 documents.
4. March 15th through March 25th of 2018: IMFAHE will contact the top 1 selected student to decide what is the best hosting center based on her field of expertise/interests.

Mentees can apply to both types of fellowships. IMFAHE Fellowships are compatible with other government and non-government funded fellowships.

Internships will be held between July and December 2018. The specific dates will be decided by the mentee and the reception center, taking into account the expected time required to get the visa.

IMFAHE'S AGREEMENTS WITH HOSTING CENTERS

These are hosting centers with which IMFAHE Foundation has agreements and can accept one student (if the student profile match their field of studies):

| IMP SPECIALTY | HOSTING CENTER | CITY/COUNTRY | FIELD OF EXPERTISE |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| IMP-Engineering | Harvard University/MEEI | BOSTON/USA | Biomedical engineering and new devices for central vision impairment |
| IMP-Engineering | MIT | Boston | Informatics, biomedical engineering and new devices for cancer patients |
| IMP-Engineering | Texas University | Houston, USA | Medical imaging , machine learning, signal processing |
| IMP-Economics/Business | Amadeus North America | Boston, USA | Tourism in a multinational |
| IMP-Biomedicine | Harvard University/BWH | Boston, USA | Immuno-oncology |
| IMP-Biomedicine | Moffit Cancer Center | Tampa, Florida | Cancer and heterogeneity |
| IMP-Biomedicine | SUNY | NY, USA | Lung Disease |
| IMP-Biomedicine | The Wellcome Sanger Institute | England, UK | Malaria (host-pathogen interactions) |
| IMP-Biomedicine | Karolinska Institutet | Solna, Sweden | Clinical Physiology with a focus on skeletal muscle |
| IMP-Biomedicine | Oregon Health and Science University | Portland, USA | Tumor angiogenesis and miRNAs |

IMFAHE will host a video conference with selected students and their university supervisors, if applicable, to analyze their profiles and their field of studies and interests. If the profiles of the students have affinity with

IMFAHE collaborating centers, the students selected will be offered the possibility to carry out a stay in these collaborating centers. If the profile is not related, the student will be asked to propose a list of 5-10 centers that fits in his/her professional development plan, and then IMFAHE will contact these centers to find the best place that is willing to receive the mentee.

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