



CENTRE FOR GLOBAL EPILEPSY ANGELINI PHARMA VISITING SCHOLARSHIP GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

1. About the Visiting Scholarship

The Centre for Global Epilepsy (CGE) Angelini Pharma Visiting Scholarship supports clinicians to undertake a 6-8 week placement at the Centre for Global Epilepsy, Wolfson College, University of Oxford.

The Scholarship provides up to £8,000 towards return economy-class travel, accommodation, subsistence during the placement and eligible research-related costs. Following the Oxford placement, Scholars will receive virtual mentorship to support research outputs and ongoing development.

The Visiting Scholars' Programme offers a unique opportunity for clinicians and researchers from resource-limited settings to gain hands-on experience in global epilepsy research and care. Scholars will immerse themselves in research, develop specific skills and collaborate with experts across various fields such as medical history, public health and pharmacology.

This capacity-building initiative not only strengthens global networks but also fosters long-term collaborations, enabling scholars to apply their learning to improve epilepsy care and research in their home countries.

To see who has previously completed the CGE Visiting Scholarship visit [this webpage](#).

2. Eligibility

The CGE Angelini Pharma Visiting Scholarship is open only to **clinician applicants who are based in low- and middle- income countries (LMIC)**.

Applicants must:

- be a practicing medical doctor, at least 8 years post qualification, working in Neurology/Psychiatry or related discipline and working in an LMIC
- have approached and obtained support from a proposed University of Oxford supervisor
- have support and permission from a mentor at their home institution/workplace

- have registered for a profile on the Global Epilepsy Researcher Directory here: <https://www.globalepilepsy.ox.ac.uk/research-directory>

A reference letter from the applicant's home institution/workplace confirming approval for participation must be submitted with the application.

3. The Oxford placement

The Visiting Scholarship includes a 6–8 week placement at the Centre for Global Epilepsy, Wolfson College, University of Oxford.

Applicants should propose a programme of work that can realistically be undertaken during the placement and that will contribute to their ongoing academic, professional or research development.

The application should explain:

- the background and rationale for the proposed work
- the key research question, problem or area of focus
- the research or scholarly activities to be undertaken during the placement
- the planned departments in which the work will be undertaken, noting that interdisciplinary working is essential for all awardees
- how the proposed work aligns with the Centre for Global Epilepsy's work
- how the placement will benefit the applicant's ongoing work and future career development
- how collaboration with the Centre will be sustained after the placement.

4. Developing your project proposal

Your proposal should describe a clear and achievable programme of work for the Visiting Scholarship.

The proposal should demonstrate:

- a clear rationale and research or scholarly focus
- appropriate activities for the Oxford placement
- alignment with the Centre for Global Epilepsy
- potential benefits to your career and ongoing work
- potential benefits to your home institution/workplace, including opportunities for wider capacity strengthening.

The application asks for:

- Rationale and plan: maximum 500 words
- Expected outputs: maximum 150 words
- Benefit to home country/institution/workplace: maximum 150 words.

5. Supervision and mentorship

Applicants must identify:

- a proposed University of Oxford supervisor; and
- a home institution/workplace mentor.

Applicants must obtain the support and permission of both before submitting their application.

The application form requests the name, position, department/institution and contact details of both individuals.

6. Budget and eligible costs

Applicants may request up to £8,000 in total.

The application budget should be realistic and justified. All costs must be provided in GBP (£). The Centre for Global Epilepsy reserves the right to award less than the amount requested.

The application form provides budget categories for:

- return economy/standard-class air travel
- UK visa application and associated fees
- accommodation in Oxford, up to 8 weeks
- subsistence while in Oxford
- equipment and supplies for research
- other research-related costs.

7. Supporting documents

Applicants must submit:

- a reference letter from their home institution/workplace confirming support for participation in the Visiting Scholarship and commenting on their suitability, relevant experience and capacity to undertake the proposed placement
- a copy of their CV
- any additional letters of support required.

Supporting documents should all be written in English.

8. Completing and submitting the application

Applicants should complete all relevant sections of the application form and provide all required supporting documents.

Applications must be submitted in Word format, together with all supporting documents, to globalepilepsy@wolfson.ox.ac.uk.

Applications must be received by 4:00 pm GMT on the application deadline. The next application deadline is provided on the CGE Visiting Scholars webpage here:

<https://www.globalepilepsy.ox.ac.uk/visiting-scholars-programme>

9. Assessment and selection

Applications will be screened by the Centre for Global Epilepsy and reviewed by the Visiting Scholarship Review Panel. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview.

We aim to provide applicants with an update on their application within 3 weeks of the deadline.

10. Previous applications

Applicants are asked whether the same or a similar proposal has previously been submitted to the Centre for Global Epilepsy. If so, they should describe how the proposal has changed since the previous submission.

11. Enquiries

Informal enquiries about the Visiting Scholarship can be sent to:

globalepilepsy@wolfson.ox.ac.uk