

Pew Supports Postdoctoral Training in the U.S. and New Labs in Latin America

The **Pew Latin American Fellows Program** in the Biomedical Sciences provides support for two years of postdoctoral training in leading laboratories in the United States. Fellows receive opportunities to advance their careers, collaborate with principal investigators in the U.S., and exchange knowledge with hundreds of Pew-supported scientists. Fellows are also awarded funds to help them start their own labs in Latin America.

Award details for 2026 fellowships

- Ten Pew Latin American fellows will be selected in 2026. Fellowship grants will begin in August 2026.
- Pew will provide \$30,000/year for two years of postdoctoral work in a sponsor lab in the U.S. This stipend supplements the fellow's salary from the sponsor lab.
- Participants who return to Latin America and establish independent labs receive an additional \$70,000 from Pew to purchase equipment and supplies.

Requirements

- Applicants must have received a Ph.D. or M.D. degree by Feb. 1, 2026, but no earlier than June 4, 2020. Applicants may not have started their postdoctoral training in the U.S. prior to Sept. 1, 2024.
 - M.D. candidates whose degree was completed prior to June 4, 2020, may contact the program office for a discussion about eligibility.
- Preference will be given to applicants who received their undergraduate and graduate degrees from institutions in Latin America. Applicants may have obtained their undergraduate or graduate degrees from schools outside Latin America but preferably not in the U.S.
- Before applying, applicants must confirm a postdoctoral position in the U.S. lab of a principal investigator (sponsor). A sponsor may not be the same person who advised or mentored the applicant during the completion of his or her Ph.D.
- Applicants must submit a written statement of intent to further their research career in Latin America.

To apply

- **In order to apply, an applicant must first obtain a commitment for a postdoctoral position in a sponsor lab.** Any scientist needing assistance identifying a sponsor lab should contact a regional committee member for advice. They may also contact Pew's program office at fellowsoffice@pewtrusts.org.
- Once a sponsor is obtained, applicants must email Pew at fellowsoffice@pewtrusts.org to request access to the online application, which opens on June 4, 2025.
- **The application deadline is Aug. 19, 2025.**

Reflections from past fellows

“ This program is about more than the individual grants we receive. We are a community.”

Priscilla C. Olsen, Ph.D., Brasil

“ The fellows program provides the opportunity to learn from and network with people beyond my home country, who are doing research in the same field as I am.”

Rodrigo A. Aguilar, Ph.D., Chile

“ This fellowship provides support to build your own lab in your home country, start something that will have a real impact, and begin your own career.”

Daniel Rodríguez-Leal, Ph.D., México

“ Even if you are nervous about the outcome, you should apply. Pew's application process was extremely rewarding for me because it helped me narrow down what I was interested in pursuing.”

Daiana A. Capdevila, Ph.D., Argentina

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