



The Middle East Fellowship Program

The Smidt Heart Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center is seeking applicants for the Smidt Middle East Fellowship Program, which is scheduled to start on January 1, 2021.

Cedars-Sinai is an academic medical center and one of the largest teaching hospitals in the Los Angeles area. The Smidt Middle East Fellowship Program, under the leadership of Dr. Christine Albert, Chair, Department of Cardiology, is seeking highly-qualified, motivated and creative MD applicants who have completed specialty/subspecialty training in cardiovascular medicine who wish to pursue dedicated research training in a focused area within cardiology or cardiovascular surgery. Two Smidt Middle East Fellows will be selected, one from Israel and one from another Middle Eastern country, who will work side by side in the Smidt Heart Institute at Cedars Sinai in areas of overlapping focus to encourage collaboration over their two-year fellowship in Los Angeles. A salary (stipend) will be provided to each applicant that is selected for the program. The program has been designed to foster understanding, collegiality and cooperation between and among future leaders in the region.

Qualification for the Program:

- Citizenship and current residency in a Middle East country, including Israel
- Completion of specialty/sub-specialty training in a branch of cardiovascular medicine: I.e., cardiology, cardiac surgery, vascular surgery, angiology, etc. (including pediatric cardiology and nuclear cardiology)
- Current staff employment at a Middle East academic institution
- Eligibility to obtain an appropriate U.S. visa: I.e., J-1, etc.
- A letter of expressed interest by applicant's home academic institution that they will provide the applicant with a faculty position upon completion of the fellowship program
- Applicants will be expected to return to their home country upon completion of the fellowship program, in order to become leaders and educators in their home country

The deadline for preliminary applications is April 1, 2020 and must include the following elements:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Personal statement on career goals and objectives
3. A cover letter outlining proposed research area.
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation from members of the applicant's home academic institution
5. Formal letter from applicant's home academic institution documenting their commitment to offer applicant a faculty position upon return to their home country in Middle East

Please note that upon selection for the program, applicants will undergo a phone interview with staff from the Smidt Heart Institute.