



Description, Eligibility Criteria and Instructions Long-term Training Scholarship*

*Acceptance into the AHART-sponsored program and scholarship for coursework is contingent upon student acceptance by USF Graduate Admissions and the USF College of Medicine Masters of Science in Medical Science, Concentration in Clinical and Translational Research Program.

Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria outlined below are encouraged to apply for the USF-India AITRP Program in Adolescent HIV/AIDS Research Training Program - sponsored long-term training. This training consists of coursework for the Master of Science in Medical Science in Clinical and Translational Research offered through the USF College of Medicine, in Tampa, Florida, US.

The successful applicant will receive tuition and fees, books, health insurance, and a stipend for food and lodging in the US for one year. The applicant is expected to complete the courses in Tampa, Florida as a full-time student during the first year of study (May to May). Students will also begin their mentored research project during the first year. During the second year, the student will return to India to complete the mentored research component of this degree program, and to prepare the grant proposal and manuscript components of this degree program. Students are expected to devote 100% of their time to the scholarly activities related to the masters program and related AHART work during year one, and 50% of their time during year two in India. Students must maintain good academic standing- an A (90 to 100%) or B (80 to 89%) in each class- in all courses to continue in the program and to receive continued scholarship support. Funding will not be provided for living expenses beyond **the first year** of study; funding will not be provided for coursework (tuition, fees, books) beyond the **second year**. If the student takes longer than the prescribed two years to complete the program, (s)he will be responsible for any additional costs of prolonging study. Any trainee failing to complete the program will be required to re-pay all scholarship funding including living expenses to the USF AITRP program. Furthermore, student trainees must sign a contract pledging their intent to continue to work in the field of adolescent HIV/AIDS **in India** for at least 3 years following receipt of their MSMS degree. Failure to do so will result in the student having to reimburse the program for all scholarship costs including living expenses paid.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Assessment of English language proficiency
 - a. TOEFL score within two (2) years of the desired term of entry and achieved a minimum total score of 79 on the internet-based test, 213 on the computer-based test, or 550 on the paper-based test
 - b. TOEFL may be waived if the applicant meets one of the following conditions: 500 or higher on the GRE Verbal Test (within past 5 years), has earned a college degree at a U.S. institution of higher learning, has earned a college degree from an institution whose language of instruction is English (must be noted on the transcript), or has scored 6.5 on [International English Language Testing System \(IELTS\)](#).

2. Applicants must possess the US equivalent of a doctoral or first professional degree (MD, DO, DDS, PharmD, DrPT, doctorally-prepared nurse, PhD with clinical responsibilities, other PhDs may be considered) as assessed by US standards. Equivalence is assessed by an official course-by-course transcript evaluation including GPA (Please contact Academic Evaluation Services, Inc. <http://www.aes-edu.org/>).

Application Materials

1. Application for Long-Term Training Scholarship to complete the Masters of Science in Medical Science in Clinical and Translational Research **(DUE August 15, 2011)**
 - a. Application form
 - b. Three letters of recommendation
 - c. Personal statement
 - d. Curriculum vitae
 - e. Copy of transcript evaluation
2. University of South Florida Graduate Admissions **(DUE October 15, 2011)**

Information about the graduate school and contact information can be found on their website: http://www.grad.usf.edu/newsite/admissions/main_int.asp

 - a. Complete online application at <http://facts23.facts.org/admissions/jsp/dageneralinfosfg.jsp>
 - b. \$30 application fee
 - c. Copy of transcript evaluation
3. University of South Florida College of Medicine application **(DUE October 15, 2011)**
 - a. Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Affairs application (select K30 masters program)
 - b. Copy of transcript evaluation

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