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In 2010, the HPTN and the NIH initiated a mentored clinical research program for early career investigators from U.S.-based underrepresented minorities --the HPTN Scholars Program-- to nurture the professional development of clinical and behavioral scientists from minority backgrounds. The international component of the program was rolled out in the summer of 2015. Both components seek to increase opportunities for scientists from groups under-represented in HIV prevention research. Each component has slightly different eligibility criteria, which can be found on the HPTN Scholars webpages (<https://www.hptn.org/research/scholars>).

In the domestic program, successful applicants are Investigators who have received their terminal degree (MD, PhD, etc.). For the international version, current MD, PhD, and MBChB (or equivalent) students may apply, along with individuals having already graduated with their terminal degree. In both components, applicants work with a mentor scientist in the Network to complete a research project utilizing data from an existing HPTN research study. The list of studies approved for Scholar use changes each year but is based on protocol team progress of analysis and publication the (generally after at least the primary objectives have been published), available mentors affiliated with the HPTN and/or HPTN sites, and HPTN leadership approval. Each Scholar is funded for an 18-month term and the solicitation for new Scholars is undertaken annually, with due dates in January or February of each year.

Ultimately, the HPTN Scholars Program seeks to provide scholar recipients with the knowledge, skills and connections to further their careers as independent investigators in the HIV prevention research field.

Tenants of the Scholars Program:

- Scholars will develop a research project using data from a completed or ongoing HPTN HIV prevention study and complete their scholarship project within the program cycle.
- Scholars are expected to attend two HPTN Annual Meetings (one for orientation/training and one for presentation of their results) and one skills-building and networking Scholars Workshop.
- Scholars will submit a manuscript at the end of the scholarship cycle.
- Through the experience of the program, Scholars will become knowledgeable of the process of doing research in NIH-funded HIV networks and have the opportunity to build their research networks within the context of the HPTN.
- Scholars are provided funding to cover a portion of their time (typically ~ 10-30%) and expenses, including travel and research materials/supplies.

22.2 Authorship Guidelines for Scholars

The following guidelines should be used if the Scholar's study's primary paper was published **less than three years** prior to the Scholar submitting his/her paper to the Manuscript Review Committee (MRC).

- The Protocol Chair and any Protocol Co-Chairs should be approached to determine whether or not they would like to be included as co-authors.
- A member of each site team, designated by site PIs, should be approached to determine whether or not they would like to be included as co-authors.
- A Leadership and Operations Center (LOC), Statistical and Data Management Center (SDMC), and Laboratory Center (LC) representative should be considered as co-authors.

- If the study team's Publications Team/Committee is still intact, the Scholar's paper will be reviewed by that committee before it is sent to the MRC.
- If the study team's Publications Team/Committee is not still intact, a member of the Scholars Leadership Team (whether domestic or international) will review the paper prior to it being sent to the MRC.

The following guidelines should be used if the Scholar's study's primary paper was published **three years or more** prior to the Scholar submitting his/her paper to the MRC.

- The Protocol Chair and any Protocol Co-Chairs should be approached to determine whether or not they would like to be co-authors.
- If the study team's Publications Team/Committee is still intact, the Scholar's paper will be reviewed by that committee before it is sent to the MRC.
- If the study team's Publications Team/Committee is not still intact, a member of the Scholars Leadership Team (whether domestic or international) will review the paper prior to it being sent to the MRC.

The guidelines above are to be applied to any "product" emerging from the Scholar's use of HPTN data – whether that is an abstract, poster, or manuscript.

Other details and authorship guidelines are provided on the Scholars Program webpages (<https://www.hptn.org/research/scholars>), the program solicitation, the Program Manual and the Mentorship Manual.