

Next Generation Scientist Program

A Joint Program by Novartis and University of Basel

Investing in and learning from the next generation of scientists

With a presence in ~140 countries, research at Novartis is focused on discovering and developing innovative medicines to treat disease and improve health. Our open and entrepreneurial culture (“science without borders”) recognizes and embraces the needs of diverse patient populations. Our goal is to positively change the practice of medicine for patients globally.

State-of-the-Art Science and Mentorship

The Next Generation Scientist Program aims to build scientific and leadership capability in emerging countries by enhancing the knowledge and skills of talented and motivated scientists, and by facilitating transfer of learnings to their local scientific communities upon return home. The internship is an intensive 3-month program hosted at the Novartis research site in Basel, Switzerland, designed to foster both scientific and professional development. Guided by Novartis mentors, interns work on a jointly-agreed upon, precompetitive scientific or clinical research project and also participate in a leadership development program designed to enhance their decision-making and communication skills. At the conclusion of the program, interns receive certification and accreditation from the University of Basel. More than 120 interns from 24 countries have participated since the program’s inception in 2011.

Bilateral Exchange

A key element of the Fellowship is bi-directional exchange. Scientists and physicians at Novartis and University of Basel learn from interns by gaining a greater understanding of science and health in other countries. The professional relationships forged lead to long-lasting collaborations, further efforts to build science capability globally, and ultimately support discovery of essential medicines for diverse and underserved populations.

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