

Malaria Research and Training Center in Mali (NOTE: The following program is for minority/under-represented groups of medical students.)

The Program: The Malaria Research and Training Center (MRTC) of the University of Mali and the University of Maryland School of Medicine are pleased to sponsor a program for research and clinical training in tropical medicine for minorities and other under-represented groups. (Under-represented groups are defined by the AAMC as African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Americans, and some Pacific Islanders.)

Purpose: The aim of the program is to encourage participants to consider or develop research careers in biomedical research, including but not limited to emerging infectious and tropical diseases.

Faculty and Projects: Trainees will work with research or clinical mentors at the MRTC and the Department of Epidemiology of Parasitic Diseases at the University of Mali in Bamako, and at other field and clinical stations in Mali. Training will be available in the following programs:

- Parasitology and Immunology
- Epidemiology and Clinical Trials
- Entomology
- Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems
- Clinical Medicine and Tropical Diseases

Duration and Funding

Trainees can spend from four weeks to several months working at the University of Mali. The program will cover all travel and in-country expenses, and pre-travel orientation including travel health advice. Immunizations will also be provided.

Qualifications of Applicants

Competency in French will be mandatory for trainees in clinical medicine, and preferred but not required for research training. Research experience is preferred but not required for research trainees.

All students must be enrolled in school, be in good standing both at the time of application and when the traineeship begins and should have a GPA of at least 3.0 (4.0 = A) to be considered for the program. Senior undergraduate applicants must provide evidence of continuing studies beyond college. Faculty members and post-doctoral trainees must hold full-time appointments.

To download an application, please go to:

<http://medschool.umaryland.edu/OSR/Applications/MALIMDGradStdApp12002.PDF>

For further information contact: Clinical and Research Training in Malaria (Mali, West Africa)
c/o Dr. Christopher Plowe or Chris Kemp
University of Maryland School of Medicine
685 West Baltimore Street, HSF 480
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
Tel. 410-706-2491

Fax. 410-706-1204

Email: ckemp@medicine.umaryland.edu