

NON-DEGREE TRAINING

Postdoctoral Training

Postdoctoral fellows (PDFs) are trained in most laboratories in MMI. Postdoctoral training provides the opportunity for doctoral degree holders trained in more traditional environments to broaden their exposure to problems of public health importance and offers the opportunity for rigorous advanced training in those areas of public health biology that are the special expertise of MMI faculty.

Postdoctoral training consists primarily of close interaction with the trainee's preceptor in the performance of a research project. At the end of the first three months in residence and for each subsequent year, PDFs are to complete an individual development plan with their preceptor and mentoring team in an effort to provide a formal opportunity to define goals and expectations as well as recommend actions that will assist the PDF successfully realize their preferred career path.

Didactic courses in the School and other divisions of the University also are available to PDFs, who are considered by the School to be non-degree students. PDFs attend the MMI Seminar Series and are invited to attend and present posters or talks at the annual MMI Retreat. In addition, MMI hosts a summer continuation of Research Forum organized by and devoted exclusively to research seminars delivered by PDFs.

PDFs are also encouraged to participate in special career development courses and workshops administered through the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutes Professional Development Office (<https://pdco.med.jhmi.edu/>) – e.g., *Grantcraft*, *Your Research Career*, *Research Leadership*. Leadership opportunities outside of the laboratory are available through the Johns Hopkins Postdoctoral Association. Undergraduate teaching opportunities are available through the mentored Instructional Associate Program at the Notre Dame of Maryland University.

Individuals interested in pursuing postdoctoral training in MMI should contact individual investigators directly.