



Apply to Fellowship

Become an Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health at GBHI

Overview

The Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health program at GBHI provides innovative training, networking, and support to emerging leaders focused on [improving brain health and reducing the impact of dementia](#) in their [local communities and on a global scale](#). It is one of seven global Atlantic Fellows programs to promote fairer, healthier, and more inclusive societies.

Who should apply?

The program is for people from a wide range of disciplines, including the arts, sciences, economics, policy, medicine, journalism, community-based practice and much more. Whatever the discipline, we are looking for individuals working in the area of brain health and dementia who have great ideas, enthusiasm and leadership potential. Furthermore, the ideal fellow is someone who engages across disciplines, breaks down traditional barriers, and is committed to resolving issues around the inequities in brain health and dementia around the world.

Where it takes place

Atlantic Fellows at GBHI join the full-time, residential program for 12 months at either the University of California, San Francisco (USA) or Trinity College Dublin (Ireland). This is a paid fellowship.

What Atlantic Fellows will get from the program

Curriculum

- Fellows engage in [interdisciplinary learning sessions](#) related to brain health, dementia, and health equity including: neuroscience, health economics, social determinants of health, health policy, etc.

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aimed at advancing brain health.

- Fellows will develop skills that can help them succeed in acquiring funding for their future work, and improve public speaking and other forms of dissemination of ideas.
- Fellows receive leadership training aimed at setting them up to be a transformative influence on brain health around the world.
- Learn more about our [approach to learning](#) and [program structure](#).

Career Development and Pilot Funding

Throughout the program and beyond fellows will receive career [mentorship](#) from faculty at GBHI and in their local community. Mentors will help fellows to realise their goals and be transformative and will assist them in applying for competitive [pilot awards](#) of up to \$25,000 to begin an ambitious project in their home community.

Lifelong Fellowship

Becoming an Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health at GBHI doesn't end upon completion of the program. In fact, our fellows become part of a [lifelong](#) engaged community which extends and amplifies the impact of the fellowship. The interprofessional and interdisciplinary nature of the program encourages collaborations across sectors and each fellow contributes greatly to the cohort through sharing their experience and expertise.

What makes a successful candidate

Eligibility Criteria/Expectations of Applicants

- Willingness and availability to complete 12 months of education in residence, full-time, in San Francisco (USA) or Dublin (Ireland)
- Long-term commitment to the [values, mission, and goals](#) of the program
- The ability to bring creative and relevant projects to fruition
- Ideas that could transform the global brain health environment in vulnerable communities
- Proficiency in English
- Successful completion of field-specific terminal degree and associated training as applicable

Engaging Local Communities

Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health come from all parts of the globe and are expected to have a meaningful impact in their home community once the fellowship is complete. To help ensure success, Atlantic Fellows must have regional support and mentorship in the communities where they hope to have impact. Applicants will be asked to outline in their applications who their regional mentors will be and how they will help them be transformative in their home country. We know that mentorship can mean different things to different people and in different places, so please read more about [mentorship](#) for further information.

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Applicants from all disciplines and professional backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Applicants should complete the highest degree and associated training they wish to obtain in their particular field. Applicants should have a strong foundation of experience and expertise and be ready to advance meaningful and impactful work. For example, this includes but is not limited to:

- Competitive applicants who are artists or other creative professionals would have: a portfolio, an interest in improving the lives of people living with dementia and their care partners, a public platform to showcase their portfolio, etc.
- Competitive applicants who are physicians will have: completed an MD, residency and other fellowship specialties, have an interest in improving clinical practice, etc.
- Competitive applicants who are researchers will have: completed a PhD and postdoctoral training, have an interest in generating and distributing knowledge to advance the field of brain health and dementia prevention, etc.
- Competitive applicants who are innovators, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and other professionals will have developed significant expertise in their field and track record of achievement, etc.

Application Process

Applications are competitively reviewed and select applicants will be invited to interview. Interviews are by invitation only. All applicants are notified of their interview status by email.

Application Components

- Online application
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Statements of Purpose
 - Applicants will be required to write thoughtful and succinct responses related to their interest in the program and future goals.
- Two letters of support
 - Letters are required to demonstrate regional commitment to an applicant's success. We are looking for applicants who demonstrate leadership potential and have a support network beyond the Global Brain Health Institute. Specifically, GBHI seeks applicants with robust support networks committed to the future career and ambition of the applicant upon return to the Atlantic Fellow's home community. These support networks may include current and past partners, institutions, organizations, employers and groups.

Therefore, at least one (1) letter of reference should be from a current employer, institution, organization or group you have engaged with previously. We expect this letter to articulate support for the application and specifically address the applicant's leadership potential. In addition, these letters should demonstrate a long-term commitment to supporting the applicant and their work after completion of the Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health program.

Letters of support in English are preferred; however, if this is an impediment, we will accept letters in another language.

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- Once confirmed, the applicant should provide the letter writers' contact information on the application. The letter writers will receive an automated email with a link to submit the applicant's letter of support immediately after the application is submitted.
- Applicants should independently communicate with their letter writers as to when their letter writers should expect to receive the link and confirm that they have received the link after the application has been submitted.
- Please encourage letter writers to check their junk and spam folders in case the automated message gets filtered.

Applications will be considered incomplete unless all required materials have been submitted.

Each application component is important and evaluated thoroughly.

The program is conducted in English. Applications must be submitted in English. The desire to share knowledge across different contexts and communities is the primary factor behind the preference for a common language to facilitate communication. The program is sensitive to the fact that language dominance reflects and reproduces existing inequalities and is making efforts to overcome such barriers. As far as possible, the quality or sophistication of the language in applications will not influence selection.

Timeline

Note that all times are based on Dublin, Ireland local time (IST, GMT +1).

- **Application Deadline:** September 30, 2021 by 11:59pm IST (GMT + 1)
- **Letters of Support Deadline:** October 5, 2021 by 11:59pm IST (GMT + 1)
- **Interview Notifications:** January 20, 2022
- **Status Notifications:** May 1, 2022
- **Program Start:** September 2022

2022 French Fondation Alzheimer Atlantic Fellow Partnership

[Read more](#) about the new Global Brain Health Institute and Fondation Alzheimer Partnership and Training Opportunity for French citizens.

Questions

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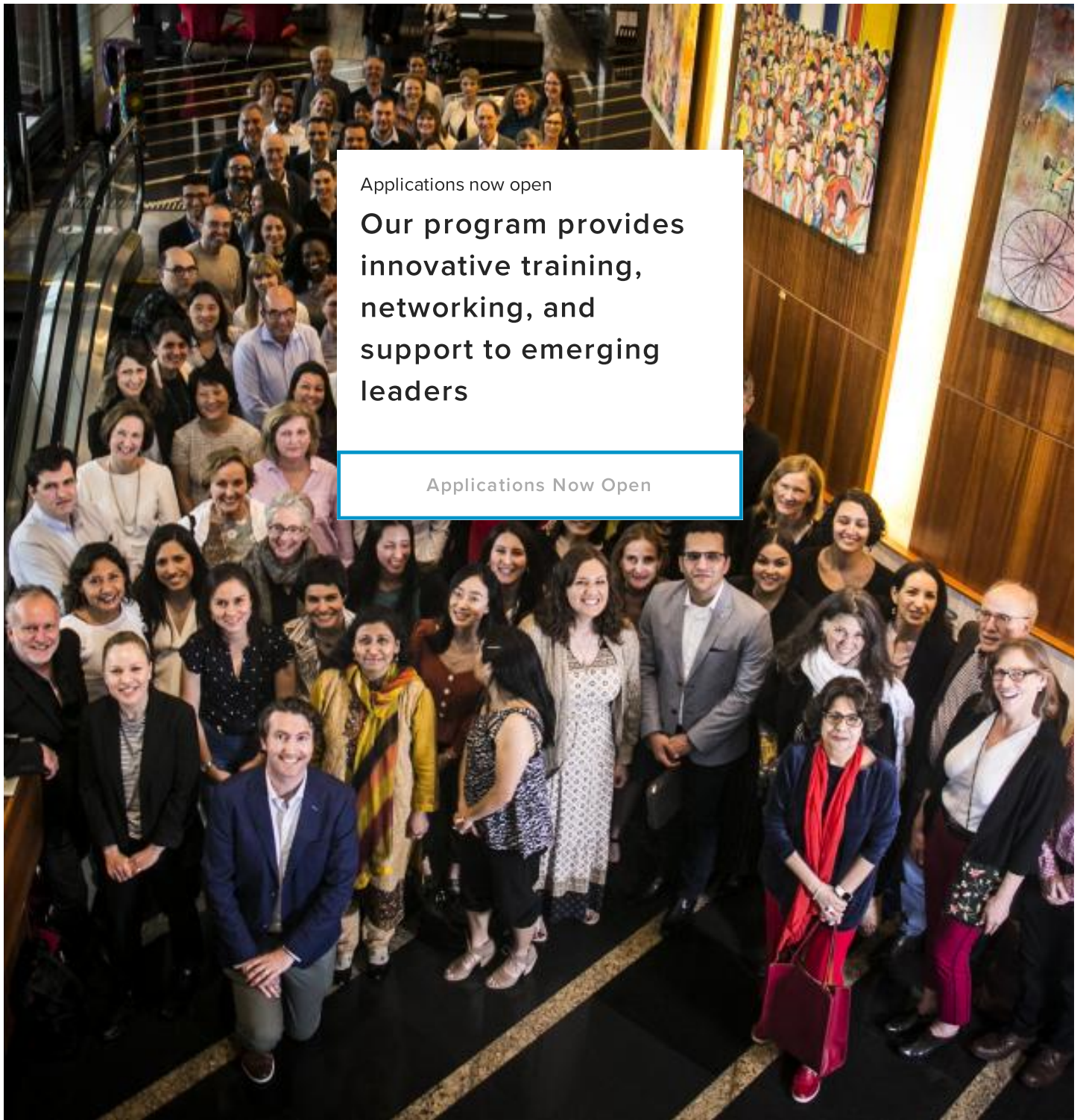
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