

The primary purpose of this training program is the development of scientific leaders for careers in HIV/AIDS research. The current expanding epidemic of HIV infection demands commitment of investigators to the training of a new generation of leaders in research. It is anticipated that graduates of this postdoctoral program will follow careers in laboratory research related to AIDS. This program will provide in depth laboratory experience in a specific research area of virology, immunology, molecular biology, oncology, molecular genetics, or molecular therapeutics to selected candidates. Trainees will be MDs after completion of their clinical fellowships or PhDs and ScDs from an appropriate basic science program. Criteria for selection will include prior training record, aptitude for research, and commitment to research careers.

The basic elements of the program are: 1) in depth research training through laboratory investigation of a specific problem in a particular area related to HIV/AIDS under a senior investigator; 2) a didactic program consisting of appropriately chosen specific courses that will advance the trainee's knowledge; 3) frequent exposure to seminars, workshops, and colloquia related to HIV/AIDS; 4) regular review of progress by individual Progress Evaluation Committees and the Program Steering Committee.

The primary training facilities consist of well-equipped research laboratories at Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Public Health, Massachusetts General Hospital, Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and the New England Regional Primate Research Center. Senior faculty members at each of these institutions are mentors on this grant, and they represent a variety of disciplines. The faculty members collaborate with one another on HIV/AIDS research and will collaborate in directing this training program.

To see list of mentors, [click here](#).