



## 2022 Request for Applications Yusuf Hamied Fellowships

*This is an RFA to Mailman faculty for the Yusuf Hamied Faculty Fellowships – a bilateral exchange program with Indian educational and public health institutions. This program is a collaboration between the [Mailman School of Public Health](#) and the [Columbia Global Centers - Mumbai](#)*

**Submission Deadline: July 31, 2022**  
**Awards Announcement: By September 15, 2022**

The Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and the Columbia Global Centers - Mumbai are pleased to announce the annual RFA for the Yusuf Hamied Fellowships to be awarded to full-time, public health faculty from Columbia Mailman to undertake joint research with public health scientists and researchers in Indian educational institutions. The Yusuf Hamied Fellowships will support short-term residencies as a basis for initiating sustained research collaborations.

The Fellowships promote faculty exchange and focus on building research collaborations and mutual learning in India to improve public health outcomes in the following fields in India, and to train a new generation of public health leaders focused on health disparities:

- **Health and Environment:** India is grappling with major environmental concerns and demands that have a considerable impact on human health. Research topics in this concentration could include health hazards related to urban sprawl; climate change; natural disasters; toxic wastes; and air, water, and land pollution, especially intersections with non-communicable diseases.
- **Access to Treatment:** India has huge social and economic inequalities that have long and short-term effects on health and limit access to affordable healthcare. Research topics in this concentration could include access to medicines; development and distribution of effective diagnostics for prevention; and medical, business and legal reform for democratizing patent policies.
- **Population and Family Health:** This area focuses on health needs, social, and cultural disparities in health and rights of diverse populations in communities within India. Research topics could include issues related to sexual and reproductive health and rights; adolescent health; aging and the lifecourse; disabilities, health systems, and mental health; and public health approaches through Indian systems of medicine, including understanding risk factors like tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and harmful alcohol use.

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## **Fellowship Information**

The Yusuf Hamied Fellowships will provide stipends for faculty fellows from Columbia Mailman School to be in residence at an academic institution in India for a four to six-week period. The goal is to explore possibilities for sustained, joint research and grant-writing in public health projects, with a focus on investigating health disparities and multi-disciplinary collaborations.

While in residence, Fellows are expected to have a focused research agenda, which they will have shaped in advance with potential collaborators in India. Alternatively, faculty may work with the Columbia Global Centers - Mumbai to identify interested public health faculty in India. In this first year of the Fellowship (2018-19), we prioritized collaborations with researchers based in institutions in Delhi or Mumbai. Building on successful links and faculty partnerships over the last two years, we encourage Mailman faculty to explore collaborations with additional public health institutions based on research interests. The program administrators are available to advise applicants on this matter. Hamied Fellows are expected to give lectures, workshops, and presentations relating to their research strengths and areas of interest. They may hold informal talks with faculty and advanced graduate students who share their academic interests and explore possibilities for joint research and writing on public health.

Stipends will cover eligible expenses, including travel costs, accommodation, and a per diem for food and local travel while in India. Fellows will also be provided shared office space.

## **Eligibility**

- Full-time Columbia Mailman faculty members with a primary MSPH appointment and a minimum of three years of teaching and research experience in one or more of the following areas: health and environment, access to treatment, and population and family health.
- Past participation in conferences and workshops in India, or prior experience conducting research in India is an added asset, but not essential requirement.

## **Submission Guidelines**

Applicants should submit a copy of their CV and a brief description of no more than two pages in length (in PDF format only) that outlines the following:

- Their research focus and what they propose to do/accomplish via this fellowship while in India, along with how their proposed project addresses the challenges or issues outlined in the aims of the Hamied Fellowships thematic areas;
- The name or names of colleagues and institutions in India with whom they intend to work/interact while there, or a request for guidance in identifying potential collaborators;
- How this fellowship would benefit their research and teaching once back at Columbia Mailman, along with short and long-term goals
- The proposed timeframe for their visit to India
- Applicants must provide a letter of support from their departmental Chair with their submission.
- The deadline to submit an application for the Yusuf Hamied Fellowships is July 31, 2022. Applications should be submitted to Caitlin Hawke: [cmh2197@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:cmh2197@cumc.columbia.edu).



## **Additional Information**

For questions, please contact the faculty director of the Yusuf Hamied Fellowships program, Dr. Kavita Sivaramakrishnan ([ks2890@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:ks2890@cumc.columbia.edu)), or Caitlin Hawke ([cmh2197@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:cmh2197@cumc.columbia.edu)). Reena Anthonyraj at the Global Centers | Mumbai will lead the effort in India ([ra3198@columbia.edu](mailto:ra3198@columbia.edu)).

## **About Dr. Yusuf K. Hamied**

Dr. Yusuf K. Hamied's accomplishments, exemplified by extraordinary efforts focused on eradicating the AIDS epidemic, have profoundly benefitted the public's health and established many of our 21st century models for a healthier population.

Both a world-renowned scientist and an astute business leader, Dr. Hamied is best known for his work to ensure access to generic AIDS drugs and other life-saving medications, regardless of patients' ability to pay. Over the course of his long career at Cipla, a top global pharmaceutical company headquartered in India, Dr. Hamied used his scientific expertise and his vast knowledge of the pharmaceutical industry to become a champion for public health. He did not hesitate to challenge large pharmaceutical companies when necessary and to call the world to account to do the right thing for public health.

His work to make anti-retroviral treatments for HIV widely available in Africa was chronicled in the 2013 documentary film, "Fire in the Blood." In addition to his advocacy to make medications affordable and accessible, Dr. Hamied was influential in pioneering the development of multi-drug combination pills for HIV/AIDS, TB, and other ailments. These combination pills expanded access to medications by making them more affordable and easier to distribute, and made it easier to ensure proper dosages, increasing the safety and effectiveness of treatments.