Research Fellows Program
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the HLI Research Fellows Program?
The HLI Research Fellows Program is a 6-12 month program for post graduate scholars and field experts to explore and discover scientific questions from the over 10,000 genomes that HLI has sequenced.

What are the areas of focus?
The areas of focus include genome discovery, bioinformatics and machine learning.

What are the selection criteria?
Individual applicants must have the following:

- Post graduate level research experience (to include faculty)
- Passion about discovering ground breaking innovation
- Commitment to changing the way that medicine is practiced
- Completed application using the template provided (see www.humanlongevity.com)
- Ability to live/work in either San Diego, CA, Mountain View, CA, or Singapore

How do applicants apply?
Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the HLI website at www.humanlongevity.com and look for the Research Fellows Program’s page. The application and relevant information may be found there. Additionally, questions may be directed to ResearchFellows@humanlongevity.com.

Who is on the selection committee?
Applications will be reviewed by Craig Venter, PhD, Co-founder, Executive Chairman, CEO as well as other members of the leadership team who represent the areas of science, bioinformatics and machine learning.

What is the deadline for submitting an application?
The application deadline for cycle 1 (2015-2016 year) is September 1, 2015 and applications will then be collected and reviewed on a quarterly basis.

How long is the program?
The program length is between 6-12 months.

Will Research Fellows have an ownership interest in any inventions that arise from their participation in the Research Fellows Program?
Any discovery that is made by Research Fellows will remain the property of HLI. Selected candidates will be asked to sign an IP assignment agreement prior to the start of their tenure at HLI.

What type of data at HLI will Research Fellows have access to?
Research Fellows will have access to the HLI integrated database. This is a dataset of over 10,000 genomes and associated metadata. This can include clinical data as well as some microbiome and metabolite data.

Where are the sites available to work at during the program?
HLI is a global company with several locations in San Diego, California (Head Quarters), Mountain View, California and Singapore. Each of the locations are available for research fellows to work.
Is there a maximum number of research fellows per cycle?
HLI anticipates having up to 12 Research Fellows per cycle. This number may change based on the applicant pool.

Are international research fellows eligible for the program?
Yes, HLI is a global company and as such it encourages applicants from all countries to apply. Some countries may be more limited than others due to restrictions in VISA’s.

Can spouses/significant others of Research Fellows also be part of the program?
The Research Fellows Program is specific to the individual candidate who applies and is selected.

How will candidates be notified of their status in the program?
HLI will contact candidates who meet the initial set of requirements for a screening interview. Candidates who wish to check on the status of their application may do so by contacting ResearchFellows@humanlongevity.com.

If accepted, may I defer the date that I join the program?
Program deferrals will be determined on a case by case basis.

Will I receive wages during the program?
Individual funding requests will be considered on a case by case basis and may be through a paid sabbatical (up to 50% of a person’s salary). Applicants may also have their own funding that they secured through their own grants.

Will research fellows receive a housing or travel stipend?
At this current time, research fellows will not receive a housing or travel stipend. This may change as the demand arises.

Can I choose the project that I will work on?
Completed applications will include a project abstract for an area that each candidate would like to work on. This will be a dynamic analysis so some flexibility in project aim/goal will be requested depending on the outcome of any primary analyses.

What can I expect if I am chosen as part of the HLI Research Fellows Program?
Research Fellows will be paired with a HLI mentor who is an expert in his/her field. Additionally, research fellows are expected to work closely with other members of their team and members of cross functional teams.

What is considered satisfactory completion of the program?
A final internal presentation and draft manuscript is required for program completion.

Who can I contact if I have additional questions?
Questions may be directed to ResearchFellows@humanlongevity.com.