

We are happy to announce the call for applications for the 2021-22 South American Program in HIV Prevention Research (SAPHIR) training program. SAPHIR is a year-long training program in comprehensive HIV prevention research in Latin America for U.S. medical students and residents. Trainees participate in a structured program of didactic education and practical research in one of the major fields of HIV prevention (Behavioral Prevention, Biomedical Prevention, Antiretroviral Therapy, Epidemiology, or Basic/Translational Science). Each SAPHIR trainee is matched with mentors from UCLA or the University of Texas Health Science Center Houston and one of our collaborating international sites in Lima, Peru (Asociacion Civil Impacta Salud y Educacion, Asociacion Civil Via Libre, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, and U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit 6), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Fundacao Oswaldo Cruz-Instituto de Pesquisa Clinica "Evandro Chagas"), Porto Alegre, Brazil (Hospital Nossa Senhora da Conceicao), Bogota, Colombia (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana). After a 2-week introductory course in Los Angeles, SAPHIR trainees spend the majority of the year in Lima, Bogota, Porto Alegre, or Rio de Janeiro where they work with their mentors in an individualized training program based on the design and analysis of a data analysis project and an independent research study in their specific area of prevention research. In addition to mentored research, the program also includes a weekly educational series to provide didactic training in key areas of international research including Ethical Research Conduct, Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Social, Behavioral, and Biomedical Aspects of HIV Prevention Research. All trainees are provided with a stipend and round-trip transportation to their international site. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with a priority deadline of February 26, 2021. Please see our website: www.uclasaphir.com and if you have any questions, please us at: SAPHIR@mednet.ucla.edu.

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