



Beacon of Hope Pathways to Clinical Research Careers Fellowship

The Novartis U.S. Foundation and Novartis founded Beacon of Hope (BOH) in 2021 is a 10-year partnership with HBCUs aiming to advance effective, measurable solutions reducing barriers to accessing healthcare innovation and reimagining healthcare workforce pathways. Learn more about Beacon of Hope at <https://bofhope.org/>.

The purpose of the **Beacon of Hope Pathways to Clinical Research Careers (BOH Pathways) Fellowship** is to prepare a nationwide network of career-ready young professionals to help fill the workforce needs of clinical trials organizations. This professional fellowship is a fully funded opportunity for students of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to participate in educational, skill-building, and networking experiences that will facilitate an entry into clinical research career paths.

Program Overview

This professional fellowship is designed to give students the knowledge, skills, and support they will need to pursue entry-level roles in the clinical research field. BOH Pathways is a **fully-funded experience**; all training and travel costs are covered for each participant. As a result of this program, fellows will:

- Learn about the clinical research industry and viable career pathways
- Receive industry-recognized training
- Engage in hands-on professional development experiences

FELLOWSHIP ELEMENTS

Quality Training	Experiential Learning	Network Building
Fellows will complete the 40-hour <i>Early Talent Training Program (ETTP)</i> delivered by ACRP, the leading organization for clinical research professionals.	Fellows will participate in professional excursions to visit with industry leading organizations to gain first-hand knowledge about clinical research careers.	Fellows will have the opportunity to attend the ACRP Annual Conference to engage with peers and professionals, attend informative sessions, and develop mentor networks.

SCHEDULE

The Spring 2027 Cohort will run from January – June. A tentative schedule is listed below; dates are subject to change.

	Event	Location		Event	Location
January 16	Orientation	Virtual	March 27	ETTP Course	Virtual
January 23	ETTP Course	Virtual	April 10	ETTP Course	Virtual
January 30	ETTP Course	Virtual	April 24	ETTP Course	Virtual
February 13	ETTP Course	Virtual	April 30 – May 3	ACRP Conference	San Diego, CA
February 27	ETTP Course	Virtual	June	Professional Excursion	TBD

- Virtual sessions will be approximately 2-3 hours each.
- Fellows are expected to participate in at least 80% of ETTP course sessions in order to be eligible to attend the professional excursion and conference.
- All training, conference, and travel expenses will be covered.

How to Apply

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Interested students must meet ALL the eligibility criteria to be selected for the fellowship.

- Currently enrolled part-time or full-time at an HBCU
- At least 18 years or older
- Currently classified as a junior or senior
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Majoring in a health-related or science degree program, or on a pre-medical track

We will consider all complete applications equally, and fellows will be randomly selected from the pool of eligible applicants.

Application

Complete and submit the online application form by **OCTOBER 30, 2026** at [Beacon of Hope Pathways Program Application Form](#)

- Contact information
 - First Name, Last Name (as it appears in your transcript)
 - Email address
 - School Name
- Upload
 - Upload your unofficial copy of school transcript
 - Upload your Resume
- Essay responses



Answer all three questions. 200 words maximum each.

- Why are you interested in clinical research? How have you demonstrated this interest so far?
- What do you hope to gain from this experience? How will it help you reach your professional goals?
- How will you contribute to creating an inclusive, engaging, and supportive cohort experience?

*The purpose of these prompts is to offer applicants an opportunity to share more about themselves and their interest in the fellowship. As such, **any use of AI to compose responses is highly discouraged** and applicants suspected of submitting AI-generated responses will be disqualified from consideration.*

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Contact Us

If you have any questions about the application or fellowship, please contact the team at FHI 360, the Coordinating Center for Beacon of Hope at bohpathways@fhi360.org.