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Ragon Institute Catherine Othieno Sempa Memorial Post Baccalaureate Scholars Program

A two-year opportunity in medical science research
and career development



About the Ragon Institute of Mass General, MIT and Harvard

The Ragon Institute of Mass General, MIT and Harvard was established in 2009 with a gift from the Phillip T. and Susan M. Ragon Foundation, creating a collaborative scientific mission among these institutions to harness the immune system to combat and cure human diseases. With a focus on global infectious diseases, the Ragon Institute draws scientists, clinicians and engineers from diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise to study and understand the immune system with the goal of benefiting patients. For more information, visit www.ragoninstitute.org.

About the program

The Catherine Othieno Sempa* Memorial Post Baccalaureate Scholars Program engages talented college graduates from HBCUs and Puerto Rican universities in a comprehensive and immersive two-year program in immunology research. The program is designed to diversify the field of academic research by inviting recent college graduates to gain knowledge, expertise, and skills inside and outside the lab.

How to Apply

Candidates can apply using this link: <https://bit.ly/3S86wVe> or scan the QR code below to the MGB careers website. After an initial screening by the Office of Education and Outreach, applications will be reviewed by a Ragon Institute selection committee, and prospective candidates will be interviewed. Selected candidates will be then matched with labs with open positions for final appointments.



Program Benefits

Participants will be employed as paid, full-time Research Technicians under the supervision and mentorship of a Ragon Institute Principal Investigator and/or designated Post-Doctoral Research Fellow. Participants will receive a competitive salary and benefits consistent with employment as a Research Technician at the Institute. In addition, participants will engage in academic and professional development activities including:

- Development of an individualized training plan
- Training in scientific communication
- Participation in seminars and workshops
- Full participation in lab meetings and Ragon affinity groups and committees
- Graduate school preparation
- Travel sponsorship to a national conference

Participants will also receive a \$3,000 travel allowance.

Questions?

Please email the Ragon Institute Office of Education and Outreach with any questions: ragonoutreach@mh.harvard.edu

Program Eligibility

This program is open to individuals from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and students from the University of Puerto Rico. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have U.S. citizenship or permanent residency and be eligible to work in the US.
- Completed a college or university degree (of four or more years duration) no more than one year before the start of the program.
- Majored in biological sciences or biological engineering.
- Attained a minimum GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.
- Previously participated in scientific research.
- Demonstrated interest in pursuing a graduate degree in a research field (M.S., M.A, Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D.). This program is not designed for students primarily interested in clinical practice.

Important Dates

Application available: March 1, 2023

Application deadline: April 15, 2023

Start date: June–August 2023