Fondation Alzheimer (FA) and the Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI) have initiated a new partnership under the umbrella of the Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health Program.

One of the major challenges in advancing the fight against Alzheimer’s disease and other related disorders is to generate new and bold ideas that have a global impact. With this in mind, the Fondation Alzheimer and the Global Brain Health Institute are launching the 2022 French Alzheimer’s Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health Program to empower medical researchers engaged in Alzheimer’s research and fully committed to changing the world.

The program will provide innovative training, extensive networking, and long-term support to the fellows. With a 12-month immersion at either the University of California, San Francisco (USA) or Trinity College Dublin (Ireland), fellows will benefit from an interdisciplinary approach, including epidemiology, statistics, ethics, law, and leadership, being surrounded by world leading experts in brain health and dementia.

Eligibility criteria:

- French Citizenship
- Candidates must hold both a medical doctorate and university doctorate degree (MD, PhD) obtained within the last 10 years
- Candidates must hold a permanent position within a French academic institution at the time of the application or be in the process of getting one within 2 years
- Fluency in English

Candidates must develop an innovative and impactful project in the field of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia that will be implemented in France. Funds are intended to cover the applicant full time salary for 12 months and travel costs.

Selection is based on the candidate profile, as well as the global approach of the project. Candidates will be evaluated by both the Scientific Advisory Board of Fondation Alzheimer and the Global Brain Health Institute Selection Committee.

Timeline:

- Submission deadline: September 30, 2021
- Final selection: May 2022
- Training start date: September 2022

The application is accessible via the GBHI website (https://www.gbhi.org/apply), before September 30th 2021, 11:59pm (IST, GMT +1).
Documents required in English:

1. Application form
2. Acceptance letter from the Mentor in France
3. Acceptance letter from the Department head in France
4. Statement of motivation from the candidate
5. Copy of the doctorate degree

Testimonies:

The Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health at GBHI is an incredible experience and a unique opportunity to work with people from different countries and extremely diverse disciplines, ranging from medicine to human science, music to photography. We have a common goal of protecting brain health and reducing the impact of dementias through transdisciplinary collaboration. During this year, I was able to improve my initial project, broaden my interests and participate in new projects. The GBHI adventure does not stop after this year of fellowship. After my return to France, I continued to develop projects with my new partners, which greatly facilitates international collaborations. I strongly recommend this fellowship to all young medical researchers involved in brain health!

Yaohua Chen, Atlantic Fellow 2019, Neurogeriatrician (Lille, France)

The Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health Fellowship is a unique course, which has allowed me to work with internationally renowned academics from the University of California San Francisco and Trinity College Dublin University. I was able to benefit from double mentoring by exceptional scientists, both in neuroscience and in leadership: on the one hand, I participated - and still participate - in research on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (with clinical work, in the field of health technologies and epidemiology); on the other hand, I followed a personalized leadership training, in interaction with the other fellows with extremely courageous, brilliant and original backgrounds: the challenge of this training is to become, in parallel with our commitment to research and care, real advocate for change, at local, national and international level. This year of mobility was therefore a fantastic opening for me in my clinical and university career, with lasting and synergistic academic links of excellence.

Eleonore Bayen, Atlantic Fellow 2016, Neurologist and researcher (Paris, France)