Fondation Alzheimer and the Global Brain Health Institute 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 Alzheimer 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 2024 French Alzheimer’s Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health Program to empower medical researchers engaged in disease research and fully committed to changing the world.

The program will provide innovative training, extensive professional 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.

Applicant profile:
- French Citizenship
- Candidates holding both a medical doctorate (MD) and at least a master 2 degree; the MD degree must have been obtained within the last 10 years, this delay being applicable at the starting date of the contract or at the latest on January 1st of the year following the application
- Candidates holding a permanent position within the French academic sector at the time of the application or in the process of being recruited
- Candidates working on the fields of Alzheimer’s disease and Alzheimer related disorders
- Fluency in English

Candidates must develop an innovative and impactful project in the field of Alzheimer’s disease, Lewy body dementia, Parkinson dementia, frontotemporal dementia, corticobasal syndrome, progressive supranuclear palsy, primary progressive aphasia (all types), and posterior cortical atrophy, that will be implemented in France. Considering the importance of sex/gender within these fields, such factor should be assessed while addressing the main scientific question. The Fondation Alzheimer encourages strongly open science and patient and public involvement in research.

Budget & submission:
Funds are intended to cover the applicant full time salary for 12 months and travel cost to reach the selected university.

The application must be submitted in English via the GBHI website. Fondation Alzheimer partnership-specific questions will appear after the country of citizenship has been indicated.

Calendar:
- Submission deadline: September 20, 2024 17:00 (IST, GMT+1)
- Final selection: December 2024
- Training start date: September 2025

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 the Fondation Alzheimer and the Global Brain Health Institute Selection Committee.
Supporting documents:

1. Full application in English
2. Acceptance letter from the Mentor in France in English
3. Acceptance letter from the laboratory head in France in English
4. Two letters of reference from outside of your laboratory in English
5. Statement of motivation from the candidate in English
6. Copy of the highest degrees

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)