How should I apply?

Application forms and instructions are available online from the NIDA International Program Web site:

www.drugabuse.gov

Applicants and their research partners should jointly complete the forms and submit them to NIDA. The U.S. collaborating researcher or applicant must be a NIDA grantee throughout the award period, and the exchange visit must be completed within 12 months of the award announcement.

Application Deadline: January 1

Award Notification: March 1

What Does NIDA Do?

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIDA—

- supports research on the biomedical and behavioral causes, consequences, prevention, and treatment of drug abuse and addiction.
- disseminates research findings to significantly improve drug abuse and addiction research, practice, and policy.
- provides international and domestic research training, career development, and public education efforts.

How do I find more information?

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Research exchange visits reinvigorate the teamwork among collaborators. The National Institute on Drug Abuse's (NIDA) competitive Distinguished International Scientist Collaboration Awards (DISCA) and Distinguished International Scientist Collaboration Award for U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents (USDISCA) invite senior researchers from other countries and NIDA grantees to work together in the most suitable locale for their joint research. The programs allow participants to choose the travel option that works best for their research. If the project would best be conducted outside the United States, NIDA grantees should apply for a USDISCA award to visit their partner's home country; if the project would best be conducted in the United States, foreign drug abuse researchers should apply for a DISCA award to visit their U.S. partners.

What are the differences between the DISCA and USDISCA awards?

There are small differences, depending on the applicant's citizenship. But no matter which partner travels, the basics remain the same. Both DISCA and USDISCA awards provide support to senior scientists during research exchange visits of 1 to 3 months so that applicants and their partners can cooperate on new research methods and techniques; conduct data analysis; prepare joint research reports or proposals; or work together on basic, clinical, and applied research on drug abuse. The binational teams must propose an innovative approach, clearly define their expected product or outcome, and submit a final report to NIDA.

What do the DISCA and USDISCA awards include?

DISCA and USDISCA awards provide —

- A research exchange visit lasting from 1 to 3 months, depending on the project requirements.
- Monthly allowance of $6,500 to cover short-term living expenses in the host country
- One round trip between the home and host cities for the scientist only.

Visas and health insurance are the responsibility of the awardees.

Who is eligible for the DISCA award?

- Citizens or permanent residents in a country other than the United States
- Working with a current NIDA grantee
- A minimum of 7 years of experience in drug abuse research beyond the postdoctoral level
- Documentation of a scientific record that includes peer-reviewed publications

Who is eligible for the USDISCA award?

- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Current NIDA grantee
- A minimum of 7 years of experience in drug abuse research beyond the postdoctoral level
- Documentation of a scientific record that includes peer-reviewed publications