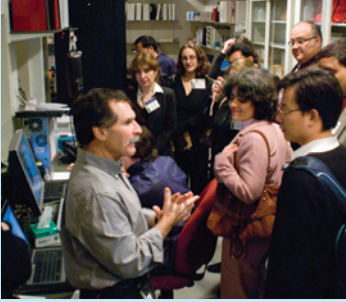


# NIDA International Program

Promoting international  
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## Links NIDA to the World



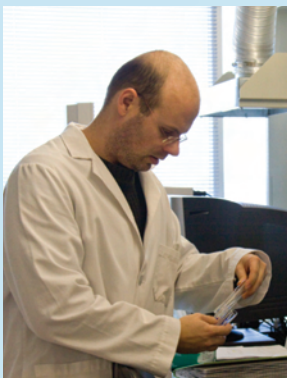
The International Program of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) works with colleagues from around the world to find evidence-based solutions to the public health problems of drug abuse, addiction, and drug-related HIV/AIDS. **We build partnerships** with countries, organizations, and individual researchers to promote new research initiatives, build international research capacity, and disseminate knowledge. NIDA supports the International Program mission because the Institute recognizes that addiction knows no borders, and that no country can solve the problem by acting alone.

## Supports Research

The successful international research projects supported by NIDA clearly demonstrate how collaboration provides the opportunity to develop knowledge jointly that neither partner could have developed independently. International collaborative research is supported through two mechanisms:

**Program Announcements (PAs)** for International Research Collaboration on Drug Abuse and Addiction are long-term, broad calls for innovative, binational applications in any area of drug addiction science; applications may be submitted for any review cycle.

**Request for Applications (RFAs)** set aside funds to support research investigating a specific area of drug abuse science; applications must be submitted by a fixed deadline.



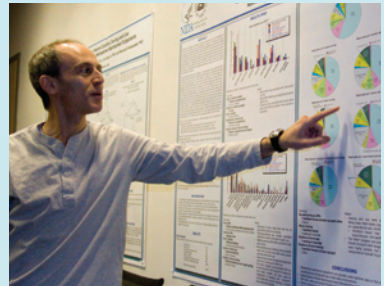
Although some international researchers receive NIDA support through a direct foreign grant, most international research is supported through a domestic grant with a foreign component, where a U.S. principal investigator works with a researcher from another country. Using these mechanisms, individuals from diverse settings successfully join forces to enhance local, national, and international public health efforts to address drug abuse and addiction. The International Program has identified five research priorities: linkages between HIV/AIDS and drug abuse, adolescent and prenatal tobacco exposure, inhalant abuse, methamphetamine, and drugged driving.

## Builds Capacity

NIDA International Program fellowships provide research training and professional development opportunities for scientists at every stage of their careers:

- INVEST and INVEST/Clinical Trials Network **postdoctoral** fellowships bring junior researchers from any country to work with a NIDA grantee in the United States for 12 months.
- The NIDA Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship brings **midcareer** professionals from developing countries to the United States for 10 months of mentored academic study and research experience.
- Distinguished International Scientist Collaboration Awards (DISCA) and USDISCA support research exchanges between **senior scientists** for up to 3 months.
- NIDA/International AIDS Society Fellowships offer professional development in **drug abuse and HIV** for postdoctoral and senior researchers from any country.
- Working with the Fogarty International Center, NIDA supports predoctoral and postdoctoral **clinical fellowships** in developing countries.

At the conclusion of their fellowships, NIDA International Program alumni contribute to the field by conducting research, publishing scientific articles, presenting at scientific meetings, and promoting evidence-based drug abuse interventions and policies in their home countries.



## Shares Knowledge

International collaboration requires flexibility, dedication, frequent communication, and mutual agreement on appropriate research designs and methods. The NIDA International Program supports **online training and collaboration tools** to help international scientists improve

understanding of important concepts, build professional relationships with distant colleagues, and share research objectives and results securely. By supporting **scientific meetings**, the NIDA International Program helps identify new research topics and stimulate research collaboration. A dedicated **Web site** and bimonthly **E-news** letters update researchers on deadlines, scientific meetings, and research results.



## NIDA International Forum

This annual scientific meeting highlights the range and quality of drug abuse research conducted around the world. A satellite to the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD), the Forum helps participants build research partnerships across geographic borders and scientific disciplines.

### **Hundreds of scientists from dozens of countries**

Join approximately 300 scientists from the United States and around the world to network with talented colleagues, learn about drug abuse research and policy issues in other countries, and discuss NIDA-supported fellowships, funding sources, and other programs that can support international collaborative research on drug abuse and addiction.

### **Lectures, workshops, poster sessions, and more**

Plenary session lectures and intimate workshops introduce participants to promising research topics and model programs that employ research results to treat and prevent drug abuse and addiction. Networking sessions facilitate conversations with potential research partners and world experts. International scientists may apply for partial travel support to present their research at the joint NIDA International Forum/CPDD poster session.

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