



4th Annual Global Virus Network Short Course for Emerging Leaders in Medical Virology: August 13-19, 2017

**Location: Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine
A GVN Center of Excellence
725 West Lombard St., Baltimore, Maryland 21201**

<http://gvn.org/4th-short-course/>

What: A one-week intensive course on basic, translational, and clinical aspects of viruses of importance to human health. Lecturers will be leading medical virologists drawn from GVN Centers. All didactic courses will be on state-of-the-art aspects of research on specific viruses. Significant time for discussion and interaction with renowned medical virology leaders are hallmarks of the course, as are opportunities to meet with policymakers and program officials from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Why: There is a critical need for highly-skilled, broadly-educated medical virologists worldwide. This course meets one of GVN's core goals: to ensure emerging investigators working in medical virology receive the best training and have opportunities to interact with other global partners. This course supplements skills already obtained and provides new knowledge and avenues for broadening expertise and collaborations.

Who: Approximately 15-20 participants will be selected to participate in this course. This course will benefit early-career scientists and physicians wishing to broaden their skills in medical virology. Candidates should be PhD, or MD students, Post-Doctoral Fellows, Research Associates or Assistant Professors. Key criteria for selection include the likelihood of future work in medical virology or contributions in the field of virology, as well as previous professional and academic accomplishments. A panel of GVN scientists will review all applications.

When: Arrive in Baltimore on Sunday, August 13 for an opening reception that evening. The Course concludes Friday night. Hotel check out is Saturday morning, August 19, 2017.

Where: Lodging will be provided at the Hampton Inn within walking distance to lecture sites. Shuttles will be available for off-site visits. Several sites in Baltimore will be used for lectures and discussions, including the Institute of Human Virology (IHV) and the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

Speakers: Leading medical virologists from across the GVN will lecture and participate in this course. They include Drs. Robert C. Gallo (IHV), Diane Griffin (Hopkins), Konstantin Chumakov (FDA), Erica Ollman-Saphire (Scripps), Yutaka Tagaya (IHV), Florian Krammer (NY), Kotttilil Shyamasundaran (IHV), Andrew Haddow (United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases) and others.

Course fee:

Lodging for six nights (check in August 13, check out August 19), tuition, most meals (breakfast, 5 lunches and 2 dinners) will be included in the course fee. Participants will arrange their travel to and from Baltimore and the hotel. Fees: **1,100 USD**.

Timeline:

- March 20, 2017: Applications will be accepted with no prioritization by date of receipt. Enrollment is limited.
- June 1, 2017: Final deadline for applications.
- June 8, 2017: Admission will be awarded on a competitive basis.
- August 1, 2017: Tuition is due.
- August 13, 2017: 4th Annual GVN Course begins.

Application information:

Please send a complete application package by email to: Natalia Mercer, PhD, Course Coordinator, nmercerc@gvn.org.

Application package:

1. Applicant information: A) First Name, B) Last Name, C) Degree, D) Current Primary Employer
E) Current Job Title, F) Work Address, G) Nationality, H) Email, I) Phone Number
2. CV - should include your current position and a brief description of responsibilities. Also include all education, post-graduate training, training courses attended, and previously held professional positions.
3. Career Goals – in a brief paragraph, describe your career plans for the next five to ten years. Please relate how the training you receive in the GVN Short Course will be important in your career goals.
4. Letter of Reference - one short letter of reference from someone familiar with your professional work. Letters should corroborate your interest in and commitment to medical virology.

Please do not send tuition with this application.

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