

EvansMDS Micro-Sabbatical Initiative Program Description

Goal. The Edward P. Evans Foundation is pleased to support the *EvansMDS Micro-Sabbatical Initiative*. The goal of this program is to promote collaboration within the EvansMDS research community. Although scientific collaborations can be productive when managed remotely, a short (several days to a week) in-person visit to a collaborating laboratory can accelerate progress and foster deeper scientific engagement. These visits may enable hands-on training in specialized laboratory techniques (computational or experimental), provide access to unique technologies or reagents, or facilitate the analysis and exchange of data. Through this program, the Edward P. Evans Foundation seeks to strengthen collaborative relationships and advance research aligned with its mission to improve understanding and treatment of myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS).

Support Available. The Edward P. Evans Foundation will consider applications requesting up to \$10,000 per micro-sabbatical, contingent on available funds. Applications will be competitively reviewed on a rolling basis. Reimbursement is restricted to *travel expenses only* (transportation, lodging, meals) within the United States. Research expenses are *not* eligible for support under this mechanism. Applicants should not incur travel expenses until they have been notified that their application has been accepted. Reimbursement will be issued to the visiting scientist after the micro-sabbatical is completed, contingent on receipt of a completed travel report and will be subject to the travel policies of the Edward P. Evans Foundation. The micro-sabbatical duration is flexible, but expenses exceeding the \$10,000 limit are the responsibility of the visiting scientist and their PI.

Requirements:

- The Visiting Scientist may be a scientist at any career stage, including technicians, students, post-docs, staff scientists, or a principal investigator
- The Principal Investigator (PI) from the Home and/or Host laboratory must have a track record of funding from the Edward P. Evans Foundation (current or former Young Investigator Award or Discovery Research Grant recipient)
- Home laboratories may request support for no more than one (1) micro-sabbatical per calendar year. Host laboratories may receive more than one visitor per year.
- The application must clearly explain how the proposed micro-sabbatical will serve the mission of the Edward P. Evans Foundation to advance understanding and improve therapies for MDS.
- The application package must include two (2) letters: one from the PI of the Home Laboratory and one from the PI of the Host Laboratory. The letters must communicate the support of both parties to the micro-sabbatical, including a commitment to provide sufficient space, time, and resources for the Visiting Scientist to accomplish the proposed research tasks during the micro-sabbatical.
- Support for attendance at conferences or workshops will not be considered under this funding mechanism.