

## HHMI's First International Early Career Award: Nine Awardees From Asia

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*AsianScientist* (Jan. 26, 2012) - Top biomedical scientists from 12 countries will receive an important boost at a critical time in their careers from HHMI's inaugural International Early Career Scientist (IECS) awards.

The 28 recipients, chosen from 760 applicants, represent a wide range of disciplines, from neuroscience to virology to plant science. All the awardees trained in the United States as a graduate student or a postdoctoral fellow and have published important research.

“These are the people who, 10 years from now, we expect will be the scientific leaders in their countries,” said HHMI President Robert Tjian.

Seven recipients are from China, five are from Portugal, and five are from Spain. The remaining recipients are from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Hungary, India, Italy, Poland, South Africa, and South Korea. Nine of the 28 (32 percent) are women.

These researchers — who have all run their own labs for less than seven years — will each receive US\$650,000 over five years towards their research expenses.

International programs are an important focus of the Institute, and HHMI is especially interested in strengthening ties to international labs given the worldwide connections of HHMI's scientists.

A June 2010 survey by HHMI of its investigators and early career scientists showed that 73 percent of those who responded collaborate internationally, and 62 percent have international postdoctoral students in their laboratories.

The full list of winners can be found at: [HHMI's International Early Career Scientists](#).

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