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IARC Junior Investigator Awards 2016

In late 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) established the IARC Junior Investigator Awards Programme. The goal of the programme is to encourage junior investigators at IARC to develop and pilot innovative, high-risk research projects.

This programme also provides an opportunity for junior investigators to gain experience as a principal investigator in applying for competitive research funding. For eligibility, “junior investigators” include students, postdoctoral fellows, and staff members up to and including the P2 level working at the Agency.

For this first year of the programme, a total of 20 applications were received. Each was reviewed by two members of the IARC Scientific Council and by the IARC Director. Overall, the applications were of high quality.

For 2016, the funding has been awarded to the following projects:

Principal investigator	Project title	IARC Group or Section
Rosita Accardi	AFB1 and EBV epigenetic signatures in circulating DNA: potential use as marker for Burkitt lymphoma risk assessment	Infections and Cancer Biology Group (ICB)
Anya Burton	Bracken fern and ptaquiloside exposure study in communities living in an oesophageal cancer hotspot of Tanzania	Section of Environment and Radiation (ENV)
Hector Hernandez-Vargas	A conceptual and technical framework for studying cancer as a disease of tissue architecture	Epigenetics Group (EGE)
Hana Huskova	Identification of the whole-genome AID mutational signature to link exposures and cancer	Molecular Mechanisms and Biomarkers Group (MMB)