

HIH Receives Distinguished Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders to Train New Movement Disorder Clinician-Researcher

April 29, 2022 — The Hertie Institute for Clinical Brain Research (HIH) as part of the Center of Neurology of the University of Tübingen has been chosen by [The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research](#) (MJFF) as one of eight international academic centers to train a new movement disorder clinician-researcher — a neurologist with additional training and expertise in diagnosing and treating Parkinson's and related diseases — as part of the Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders Class of 2025.

Launched in 2014, [the Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders](#) — a partnership between MJFF and the Edmond J. Safra Foundation — annually provides funding for esteemed academic centers around the world to, over two years, each train a new movement disorder specialist. With generous additional support from the Edmond J. Safra Foundation — due to the program's tremendous success in helping to build a global network of Parkinson's doctors — the fellowship has expanded from five to eight centers awarded each year.

The Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders is growing a global base of dedicated movement disorder specialists who can make significant contributions by delivering high-quality patient care, leading scientific advances toward better understanding and treatment of movement disorders, and engaging their local or underrepresented communities. The Fellowship now extends across 28 world-renowned academic institutions in eight countries and is on track to graduate 72 new specialists by the year 2028.

The Class of 2025 awardees are: Charité – Universitätsmedizin in Berlin, Germany; Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois; University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada; University of Rochester in Rochester, New York; University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine in Los Angeles, California; University of Sydney and Westmead Hospital in Sydney, Australia; University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, Texas; and University of Tübingen in Tübingen, Germany.

An external review committee of movement disorder specialists, assembled by MJFF, selected the eight centers from a highly competitive group of applicants. Selection of awardees was based on several criteria, including previous history training successful movement disorder clinician-researchers; the breadth and depth of clinical care and research education and opportunities; departmental support for the fellow; and programs and opportunities for fellows to advance equitable access and diversity across clinical care, research, education and community outreach.

“We are honored to be selected by The Michael J. Fox Foundation to train the next generation of movement disorder clinician-researchers through the distinguished Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders,” said Professor Dr. Thomas Gasser, Head of the HIH Board of Directors. “These

rising Parkinson's experts will stand at the intersection of patient care and research and be uniquely positioned to drive the field forward."

The HIH now is recruiting a fellow for the Class of 2025 Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders. The candidate will begin their two-year training on or before July 2023.

"This growing global network of expertly trained movement disorder specialists will help ensure that people and families living with Parkinson's receive comprehensive and compassionate care and that critical research moves forward to meet their most pressing needs," said Mrs. Lily Safra, chairwoman of the Edmond J. Safra Foundation. "I'm deeply proud of The Edmond J. Safra Fellowship's significant impact on Parkinson's care and research."

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About The Hertie Institute for Clinical Brain Research (HIH)

Founded in 2001, the Hertie Institute for Clinical Brain Research (HIH) was brought to life by an agreement between several entities: the non-profit Hertie Foundation, the State of Baden-Württemberg, the University of Tübingen and its Medical Faculty, and the University Hospital of Tübingen. The HIH deals with one of the most fascinating fields of today's research: the decoding of the human brain. The main question is how certain diseases affect brain functions. In its daily work, the HIH builds the bridge from basic research to clinical application. Its goal is to facilitate new and more effective strategies for diagnosis, therapy and prevention. At present, the HIH is home to a total of 20 professors, 29 research groups and about 450 employees.

About The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF)

As the world's largest nonprofit funder of Parkinson's research, The Michael J. Fox Foundation is dedicated to accelerating a cure for Parkinson's disease and improved therapies for those living with the condition today. The Foundation pursues its goals through an aggressively funded, highly targeted research program coupled with active global engagement of scientists, Parkinson's patients, business leaders, clinical trial participants, donors and volunteers. In addition to funding \$1.5 billion in research to date, the Foundation has fundamentally altered the trajectory of progress toward a cure. Operating at the hub of worldwide Parkinson's research, the Foundation forges groundbreaking collaborations with industry leaders, academic scientists and government research funders; creates a robust open-access data set and biosample library to speed scientific breakthroughs and treatment with its landmark clinical study, PPM1; increases the flow of participants into Parkinson's disease clinical trials with its online tool, Fox Trial Finder; promotes Parkinson's awareness through high-profile advocacy, events and outreach; and coordinates the grassroots involvement of thousands of Team Fox members around the world. For more information, visit us at www.michaeljfox.org, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#).

About the Edmond J. Safra Foundation

Edmond J. Safra, one of the 20th century's most accomplished bankers and a devoted philanthropist, established a major philanthropic foundation to ensure that individuals and organizations would continue to receive his assistance and encouragement for many years to come. Under the chairmanship of his beloved wife Lily, the Edmond J. Safra Philanthropic Foundation draws continuing inspiration from its founder's life and values, and supports hundreds of organizations in more than 40 countries around the world. Its work encompasses four areas: Education; Science and Medicine; Religion; and

Humanitarian Assistance, Culture and Social Welfare. The Foundation has provided significant funding for Parkinson's disease research and patient care at dozens of hospitals and institutes in places as varied as Natal (Brazil), Toronto, New York, Grenoble, Paris, London and Jerusalem.

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