About FAES

Our Mission and Vision.

The Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) is a non-profit foundation committed to promoting the productivity and attractiveness of professional life on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) campuses by providing advanced educational programs and supporting biomedical research within the NIH intramural program. Located at NIH's main campus in Bethesda, Maryland, FAES programs complement the work of the NIH in accomplishing its mission of research and training in the biomedical sciences.

Promoting biomedical research within the NIH intramural program since 1959.

In the early 1950s, a group of scientists at NIH organized a Graduate Evening Program to allow investigators to supplement their laboratory training with advanced formal education. The rapid growth of the program prompted the creation of a non-profit organization to administer this initiative and related programs. In 1959, FAES was created by 11 prominent NIH scientists, including future Nobel laureate Dr. Christian Anfinsen. More than sixty years later, FAES still maintains the core values on which it was founded.

FAES’s range of programs and services include: academic credit-bearing scientific and non-scientific courses; workshops; advanced studies programs in bioinformatics and data science, public health, and in technology transfer; bookstore; conference management and training services; social and academic center; music and concert series; Fellows housing; sponsorship of NIH symposia, lecture and seminar series as well as select Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE) programs such as Graduate Partnership Program (GPP) Student Lounge; and, group medical insurance plans for NIH Fellows.

**FAES Academic Programs at NIH** operates as a non-degree-granting independent postsecondary school. Our mission is to provide instruction at the cutting edge of biological sciences and its evolving applications. FAES goals also include responding to the educational and cultural needs of the NIH community and projecting FAES educational assets globally.
About the FAES Academic Programs at NIH.

FAES Academic Programs at NIH fosters education and research in the biomedical sciences by sponsoring formal and informal instruction as well as sharing of knowledge and collaboration on the NIH campuses.

FAES delivers high-quality and innovative educational programs in a dynamic, culturally diverse learning setting. We currently have seven departments and offer over 200 daytime workshops and credit-bearing evening courses annually to fit around the schedule of working professionals.

In 1984, FAES expanded its educational services to the NIH community by offering a series of short-term specialized biotechnology workshops, lectures, and hands-on laboratory exercises.

FAES Academic Programs workshops train biomedical researchers, technicians, and life sciences enthusiasts in the latest biomedical technologies and lab skills through a comprehensive selection of postgraduate-level lectures and laboratory trainings.

The FAES workshops have been developed by experienced bench scientists and computational biologists. The workshops are team taught by active researchers from the NIH, in addition to leading experts from academia and industry.

By taking FAES’s workshops, researchers and professionals in the biomedical sciences or bio- and/or pharmaceutical industries will be able to hone their skills and get trained for the next job in their career.

In addition to high-level courses in biomedical sciences, FAES also sponsors and runs management and leadership training classes for scientists who want to bridge the gap between the bench/bedside and business or other fields. FAES provides full-service conference management services for members of the NIH community and affiliated organizations.

FAES Academic Programs trained over 100,000 scientists, technicians, entrepreneurs, and life sciences enthusiasts!

- We prepare learners for lifelong professional success in careers in biomedical research, academic research and education, clinical practice, private businesses, and non-profit organizations.
- We deliver broad and varied learning experiences that build a knowledgeable and skilled NIH research community.
- We share knowledge and develop skills and competencies to enhance the career trajectory and professional development of our students.
- We serve NIH’s global researcher population by organizing English as a Second Language courses to improve spoken and written English language skills.
- We provide teaching opportunities for NIH postdoctoral Fellows in order to prepare them for an academic career.
- We attract dedicated, diverse, and highly-qualified faculty.
- We seek to cultivate a student population who develop a sense of responsibility for their ongoing development and professional competence consistent with the evolving needs of biomedical sciences, healthcare, and society.

Approvals.

FAES Academic Programs at NIH operates as a non-degree-granting independent postsecondary institution.
Credit-bearing courses of FAES Academic Programs may be accepted in transfer at other colleges and universities. For approval and specific information, students need to consult the transfer policies of the receiving institution.

Credit-bearing academic courses do not include laboratory work unless this activity is stated specifically in the course description. FAES daytime workshops are hands on, held in a laboratory setting and are not credit bearing.