

EORTC Fellowship Program

The EORTC Fellowship Program at the EORTC Headquarters was established in 1991 to promote European clinical research by encouraging physicians and scientists from all over the world, to stay up to three years as research fellows at the EORTC in Brussels. Medical doctors and statisticians are entitled to this fellowship program which is specifically linked to the EORTC groups, research program or specific research projects undertaken by the EORTC.

The purpose of the fellowship program is to provide training on methodology in clinical research for medical doctors and statisticians interested in cancer clinical research to accomplish a research project and/or PHD thesis based on data available in the EORTC Database. These fellowships may provide an opportunity for applicants to become familiar with practical aspects of clinical research including clinical trial methodology, regulatory affairs, data management, statistics, medical monitoring and the reporting of results. All research work undertaken is performed on an international platform. Such an approach also promotes the rapid diffusion of results of clinical trials. Their implementation on a European-wide basis therefore has a significant impact on clinical practice to improve cancer care for all patients.

Scientific support is provided both by the EORTC Headquarter staff and supervision is available from members of EORTC disease oriented groups.

Financial supports to this Program are from various sources: The EORTC Charitable Trust, Fonds Cancer (Belgium), Vlaamse Liga Tegen Kanker (Belgium), the cancer leagues from the Netherlands and France, as well as from private donations and the pharmaceutical industry.

Over the past 17 years, 103 research fellowships have been awarded at the EORTC to fellows from various countries within the European Union as well as from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Morocco, Japan, the Republic of South Korea, Zimbabwe as well as from Central and Eastern Europe. These fellowships equal 150 years of research in various cancer fields.

Eligibility

Candidates must:

- Have a medical doctor or statistician with a health sciences degree
- Preferably have some clinical research background (specific courses and/or practical experience)
- Be fluent in English
- Be computer literate
- Be able to work in an international environment
- Have excellent communication skills

- Have team spirit
- Be under 35 years old

Allowances

- One year fellowship, renewable to a maximum of 3 years.
- The fellowship grant ranges from 18,000 to 25,000 € per year, depending on the degree, age and experience. It is tax free in Belgium by Royal decree.

Applications

Openings for fellowships are advertised on the EORTC website in the section "Career opportunities".

The starting date of the fellowship depends mainly on projects available in the specific fields of oncology.

A letter of motivation must be sent along with a curriculum vitae as well as a bibliography (list of abstracts and publications). All documents should be written in English.

The curriculum vitae should at least contain the following information:

- Full name
- Gender
- Date of birth
- Nationality
- Permanent and present address
- Phones / Fax
- E-mails
- Level of languages: Read/Write/Speak – Fluent/Good/Some
- Education, university degrees
- Professional qualifications and experience (please mention addresses)
- Current position (please mention address)
- Date of availability
- letter of recommendation of 2 referees and their detailed addresses (recommended)

Applications must be sent to :

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Specific Research Grants for Cancer Clinical Trial Methodology

The KWF (Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds / Kankerbestrijding, The Netherlands) Fellowship started in 1995. It is aimed at medical doctors of Dutch nationality.

The Emmanuel van der Schueren Fellowship (EVDS) was created in 1999 in memory of Prof. Emmanuel van der Schueren. The aim of the fellowship is to promote research on quality assurance in radiotherapy. This Program is supported by the Vlaamse Liga Tegen Kanker (Belgium).

The **Ligue Française contre le Cancer** (France). It is aimed at medical doctors of French nationality.

The **Fonds Cancer** (Belgium) was created in 1980. It is aimed at medical doctors of any nationality.

The **EORTC Charitable Trust** was created in 1976. It is aimed at medical doctors and statisticians of any nationality.