

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP GRANTS

1. *ESMO Fellowships*

Clinical and Translational Research Fellowships are not granted for basic training, course lectures, meetings, conferences, etc. or for visiting institutes. The grant includes travel expenses (economy class) to the ESMO or ECC Congress.

Georges Mathé Translational Research Fellowship is a 1 year fellowship at an European centre with an international reputation in oncology and cancer immunology and is designed to support young and promising scientist working in the field. The grant includes travel expenses (economy class) to the ESMO or ECC Congress.

Translational Research Unit Visits are educational events which are for a duration of 3-4 days for young oncologists. The grant includes travel expenses (economy class) and hotel accommodation.

Clinical Unit Visit Fellowships are short-term educational visits which are for a duration of 6 weeks and cannot be prolonged. The grant includes travel expenses (economy class), accommodation etc. for the period of tenure.

Palliative Care Fellowships are designed to provide oncologist or oncology fellows additional experience in palliative care training. The two programmes available are:

- I. **PC research Fellowship**
5,000€ for 1 to 3 months research at one of the ESMO Designated Centres of Integrated Oncology and Palliative Care.
- II. **PC observation Fellowship**
2,500€ for a minimum of 1 month observation at one of the ESMO Designated Centres of Integrated Oncology and Palliative Care

Fellowships that are terminated prematurely must be notified promptly to ESMO and appropriate funds reimbursed.

2. *Applications and all supporting documentation*

The completed application along with all documents must be submitted online electronically in English and accepted before application deadlines. All hand signed documents are to be scanned and included in the application.

Applications will be acknowledged promptly, incomplete applications will not be processed.

3. *Candidate eligibility*

The candidate must possess the appropriate professional qualifications and experience according to the specifications described on the [ESMO website](#) and must currently be engaged in cancer research, clinical oncology practice, or cancer society work. To permit effective communication at the host institute, the candidate must have adequate fluency in English.

Candidates who have received a Translational Research Unit Visit or a Clinical Unit Visit Fellowship may apply for a Translational or Clinical Research Fellowship.

4. Selection

The selection is made on the basis of scientific and expert evaluation of the application and proposed work as set out by the candidate in the project description. Reviewers of the highest international standing in their respective fields carry out this task. Their assessments are strictly confidential and cannot be divulged outside ESMO, ESMO Palliative Care Working Group and the ESMO Fellowship and Award Committee, or to the candidates themselves. The Fellowship and Award decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

5. Fellowships Funds

The Fellowships are for initial travel from home to host institute, ESMO or ECC Congress (Translational, Clinical Research and Palliative Care Fellowships) and living costs. They are not intended to completely cover all travel or normal salary or income levels.

Costs for visa, passports, airport taxes etc. are the responsibility of the Fellows. The Fellowships do not cover medical care, insurance or taxes or provide support for accompanying dependents (see terms and conditions point 6)

6. Terms and Conditions

Insurance: ESMO Fellowship Award recipients and their dependents are not insured by ESMO either for medical expenses or for accidents that may occur during travel to and from the host institute and their place of residence, or during their stay. During the fellowship, ESMO is not liable for the actions, activities, health, or safety of the fellows or their dependents. In their own interest, award recipients are advised to ensure that they, their dependents, and the institution hosting them have the necessary insurance coverage.

Taxes: ESMO is a non-profit organisation; and therefore it is the responsibility of the Fellows to pay any taxes that may be required by their home or host country with respect to the fellowship.

7. Reports

Clinical and Translational Research Fellowships fellows are required to submit an intermediate summary report on the progress of the research project after every 3 months and a final report at the completion of the research fellow's tenure to ESMO. The final reports are available online under ESMO Career Development, [Awardees and Reports](#).

Palliative Care Fellowship fellows are required to submit a report which will be placed on the ESMO website.

Translational Research Unit Visits, Clinical Unit Visits are short-term educational visits ESMO requires a short report on the visit, within one month after completion which will be placed on the ESMO website.

8. *Host institutes*

ESMO offers a list of [institutes](#) willing to host ESMO fellows. Applicants are not restricted to this list and are able to contact other institutes that may more closely match their fellowship requirements.

For the Palliative Care Fellowship applicants must apply at one of the ESMO Designated Centres of Integrated Oncology and Palliative Care to view the current list of Centres please [click here](#).

9. Translational Research Visits without an ESMO grant

The Fellowship and Award Committee may offer Visits to selected centres to candidates willing to participate at their own expense. The selection process will be conducted using the same method as for the standard procedure; potential candidates will be selected among those who have a ranking score of above 3 out of 5, and depending on the capacity of the institute. The ESMO staff will contact the potential candidates informing them of this special arrangement, and applicants have the opportunity to reject or accept.