

Clinical Research Training in Hematology: course 2017-2018

Would you like to achieve excellence in designing and executing clinical trials?

Are you involved in clinical trials and would you like to expand your role?

Are you looking for mentorship by top-tier experts in clinical research?

**Apply for the Clinical Research Training in Hematology.
Call for applications is now open.**



What is Clinical Research Training in Hematology (CRTH)?

Through the CRTH, EHA provides junior researchers with a 9-month long unique training and mentoring experience focused on clinical research in Europe, with a global scope. After participating in CRTH, you have improved your skills and knowledge to benefit your work and career in clinical science.

Who should apply?

You are a hematologist (usually below the age of 40), working at an academic center or a large community hospital that is known for running clinical trials. You have an interest in clinical science proven by either having been involved as a co-investigator, in (co-)developing clinical trial protocols and/or by (co-) authorship of publications about clinical trials. You have a keen interest and experience in designing and executing clinical trials. You are looking for mentorship and want to achieve excellence as a clinical scientist.

Fifteen early-career scientists will be selected to participate in the 2017-2018 course.

Program Directors



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Training Directors



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Faculty

The faculty is made up of international leaders in clinical hematology research, statisticians, experts in regulatory and ethical aspects of clinical research and more.

When do the meetings take place?

Attendance of the whole program (3 meetings) is mandatory.

Workshop 1: Wednesday November 8 - Saturday November 11, 2017

Workshop 2: Thursday February 15 - Saturday February 17, 2018

Final meeting: EHA Congress, Thursday June 14 - Sunday June 17, 2018 (date and time slot tbd)

Topics that will be covered in the program [click to close](#)

Designing, setting up and executing phase II, III/IV clinical trials, statistical analyses and interpretations, regulatory aspects, publishing strategies, research collaborations and ethical matters.

Career development insight [click to close](#)

Career retrospectives are provided from leading hematologists with a broad experience in clinical research. Hematology pioneers will speak about their personal and professional challenges and successes, and maintaining a work-life balance.

Format of the program

Expert high quality mentoring and skills training in clinical research

The program consists of two multi-day workshops at different locations in Europe and includes a variety of teaching and learning experiences, including self-directed learning, one to one mentoring by experts, plenary sessions and peer working groups, focusing on individual topics of interest and expertise. Establishing excellent relationships with co participants and faculty is guaranteed due to the program set up and personal approach.

Learning objectives of CRTH [click to close](#)

- Design and execute a clinical trial
- Develop a strategy for effective collaboration with various stakeholders in the clinical research project
- Use statistics effectively
- Handle common problems occurring during the conduct of a clinical trial
- Recognize the ethical and regulatory framework relevant to clinical research
- Discuss and apply effective publication strategies
- How to plan the trial budget and staff needed
- Present the project to diverse audiences
- Examine the fundamentals of competitive grant and abstract writing and manuscript preparation and presentation
- Understand and apply the basic principles of meta-analyses
- Formulate strategies for pursuing and developing a successful career in hematological research
- Discuss approaches to forming and sustaining a multi-disciplinary clinical research team
- Develop relationships with the other participants and faculty to enhance professional networking opportunities

Eligibility

- Applicants must be a trainee or junior faculty and hold an MD or MD/PhD
- Applicants must be actively employed in a hematology or hematology-related research environment
- Applicants are usually younger than 40 years of age
- The applicant must be EHA member or EHA Guest at the time of application submission and throughout the term of the award program
- Applicants from the same institution are eligible to apply; however, no more than ONE participant working in the same lab/research unit will be selected and no more than TWO participants from the same institution will be selected
- Applicants with the same mentor are eligible to apply; however, no more than ONE participant from a specific mentor will be selected
- Institution is defined as the institution where the applicant will be conducting research during the CRTH Program year, NOT the location of a prior mentor or a department head at an institution the applicant may return to later
- The applicant must be available to attend all three meetings and have the full support of the institute (or manager) to attend, which is confirmed by a signature of the manager or the party that decides on clinic duty schedules etc.
- Proficiency in English is required

Costs

There is no registration or application fee, however, by applying, applicants agree that they will participate in all three meetings and respond to follow-up surveys in the future.

Travel, accommodation and food for the workshops and final meeting are arranged and covered by EHA. Economy class airfare, up to €500, is arranged and covered by EHA for each of these meetings. Participants are responsible for arranging their own VISA and valid travel documents in order to allow them to attend all CRTH Meetings.

The participant is responsible for additional hotel nights and airfare costs above the established allowable amounts. Additional details of the CRTH travel policy are communicated to awardees upon acceptance into the program.

If there are special circumstances regarding the participant's or institute's ability to cover additional costs, applicants are still encouraged to apply. The mentor should include an addendum that explains the financial difficulties that exist.

Restrictions [click to close](#)

- Applicants working primarily on laboratory research projects will not be considered
- Applicants must be in the possession of a valid passport and permits that allow them to travel abroad
- Please see [EHA's policy](#) regarding multiple career development opportunities.

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