

ESO fellowship opportunities for young oncologists in 2025

1. M2ICOS program: Mobility to Improve Clinical Oncology Skills

This program is funded by the Erasmus+ program; this project offers selected participants short-term (3 months) or long-term (6 months) mobility opportunities in top oncology institutions across Ireland, Germany, Slovenia, Portugal, Spain, France, and Poland. All participants will receive financial support to cover accommodation and travel expenses.

Target group:

Medical doctors aged 25–40 specializing in oncology or related fields (e.g., pediatrics, surgery, gynecology, palliative care). Applicants must depart from and return to an Italian city.

Centres for placement:

- Asklepios Tumorzentrum, Hamburg, Germany
- Cancer Clinica Universidad de Navarra, Navarra or Madrid, Spain
- Centre Leon Berard, Lyon, France
- Champalimaud Clinical Centre, Lisbon, Portugal
- Comprehensive Cancer Centre ULM, Ulm, Germany
- Institute of Oncology Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Marie Curie Institute Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland
- Pediatric Cancer Center - Hospital Sant Joan de Déu, Barcelona, Spain
- St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin, Ireland

Through the online application process, there are various programs for each cancer center. You can choose between 3 or 6 months of placement. (see picture below)

Funding:

Each participant will receive an individual support grant depending on the host country and length of stay (up to €9,968 for long-term mobilities) and reimbursement for round-trip travel expenses (up to €1,735).

Selection of Participants:

The selection procedure will be based on the following criteria:

- CV (PAST EXPERIENCES), THE TOTAL POINTS RANGE FROM 0 TO 39:
- 4 most important past experiences: 0 to 4 points
- Research experience in a laboratory: No = 0, Yes = 5 points

- EXPERIENCE IN TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH: NO = 0, YES = 5 POINTS
- EXPERIENCE IN CLINICAL RESEARCH: NO = 0, YES = 5 POINTS
- PUBLISHED ARTICLES IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS (LAST 5): 0 TO 10 POINTS
- PREVIOUS FELLOWSHIP ABROAD (EXCLUDING ESO): YES = 0, NO = 10 POINTS
- Master Degree in Medicine - It does not assign points on its own (it is included in the '4 most important past experiences' section above)
- Medical Specialization in Oncology – 5 to 10 points (if the person completed their specialization more than 5 years ago, they are not eligible).
- Support letter by Head of Department – 0 to 10 points
- Motivational letter – 0 to 10 points
- Knowledge of English
 - Pre-intermediate/beginner = Not eligible
 - Intermediate = 5 points
 - Mother tongue/Proficient/Advanced/Upper Intermediate = 10 points
- Knowledge of French or German if the selected hosting institution is in France or Germany
 - 5 points B2 French (for residency status)
 - 5 points B2 German
- It is appreciated if you have participated in an ESO event or online activity
 - if you have never participated in an ESO activity you could take advantage of the E-ESO Portal and join over 1000 educational content for free.

Application details:

- Application deadline: 15 June 2025.
- Fill out 5 steps of the online application via <https://www.eso.net/en/further%2dprojects/eu%2dprojects/m2icos/1-6591-1->
 - Step 1: personal details
 - Steps 2 -5 are shown below.

More information:

 <https://www.eso.net/en/further%2dprojects/eu%2dprojects/m2icos/1-6591-1->

2. ESO Clinical Training Centres Fellowship Programme

Target group:

- Doctors who have specialized within the last 5 years or will complete their specialization by the start of the Fellowship period
- Doctors from the following areas: Europe, Mediterranean countries and Latin America
- Those who have taken part in at least 1 ESO event (conference, course, Masterclass, etc.) or at least 5 e-ESO sessions (e-eso.net)
- **Each year, four ESCO Fellows or Graduates will be given priority selection for ESO CTC Fellowship placements (more info [\)](https://www.esco.org/en/benefits/1-433-1-)**

Centres for placement:



For detailed information about centers, programs

<https://www.eso.net/en/career%2ddevelopment%2dand%2dopportunities/clinical%2dtraining%2dcentres/fellowship%2dprogramme%2ddoctors/1-5042-1->

Funding:

- ESO will refund travel costs (economy fare, from the location of residence to the location of the training center and return) and a grant of EUR 2.000 gross per month
- Costs related to Medical Council's Registration is to be covered by the student.
- Accommodation is not provided and is to be arranged by the trainee.

Application:

Application for 2026 will open on June 2025

Apply via the online application:

- Step 1: Click on the APPLY NOW button below to login to your account or to create a new account
- Step 2: Complete the first three stages of the application with your personal information
- Step 3: When you arrive to the Fellowship section you will be asked to confirm if you are specialised and when you specialised (only those who have specialised within the last five years or will complete their specialisation by the start of the training period are eligible for a Fellowship)
- Step 4: Add Fellowship Choice. Select the centre/ programme you wish to apply for and the length of training period (3 or 6 months)
- Please ensure you have read through the 'Clinical Training Centres' pages on the ESO website carefully before you start applying.
- Step 5: In the section 'Attachment' please upload the 5 requested documents (listed above). All 5 documents are obligatory. You must include the original certificates + English translation (if necessary)
- Step 6: Ensure your personal details in your account are up to date
- Step 7: When you are sure everything has been updated, completed, uploaded and is correct press the 'Submit' button

Required documents:

- A letter of request indicating the program and the center for which the application is submitted. The letter must include the aims and goals of the training period, the plans for development after the training period, the requested duration (3 or 6 months) and the preferred training period.
- Curriculum vitae with list of publications

- Proof of specialist training in oncology or a letter from hospital stating when you finish your specialisation, (original version and please include English translation if necessary)
- Copy of original medical school diploma with English translation if necessary
- A letter of permission from your current head of department giving you leave from the institution upon acceptance
- A letter of support from your mentor