



ESDO TRAINEE FELLOWSHIPS - CALL FOR APPLICANTS:

ESDO the European Society of Digestive Oncology will offer at least five (5) Trainee Fellowships per year to support trainees in Digestive Oncology to spend at least 2 weeks at an ESDO certified training centre. The fellowships shall create the unique chance for young gastroenterologists, medical oncologists, general surgeons (GI focus) and radiation oncologists to expand their experience in the interdisciplinary treatment of GI cancer in an excellent setting with all specialties established (surgery, medical oncology, gastroenterology, pathology, radiology, radiation therapy). The fellowships are competitive and applicants require support from the head of their own department. The value of the grant per fellow is EUR 1.000,-

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

ELIGIBLE CRITERIA

1. Applicants must be **ESDO Member** (providing their ESDO Member ID)
2. Applicants must be **specialized in gastroenterology, medical oncology, general surgery or radiation oncology**, and must dispose of **at least 3 years of clinical experience**.
3. Applicants must be **under the age of 40** years.
4. Applicants preferably come from a **European** country (for organizational reasons and cost-benefit ratio).
5. Applicants must be **proficient in English**.
6. The fellowship must start and end in the year of confirmation.
7. **The full application must be submitted by the published deadline**
8. **No late applications will be accepted.**
9. **Only complete applications, including the following mandatory components will be processed.**

APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE

1. **Complete application form (see enclosed) providing**
 - 1.1. **Contact information**
 - 1.2. **Proposed start date** of your Trainee Fellowship. The proposed date shall allow sufficient time for you to complete your travel, passport and other formalities.
 - 1.3. **Name of preferred host institute: indicate your top three (3) priorities.** Please find enclosed a list of current ESDO certified training centres to choose from.
2. **Curriculum Vitae:** Max. 2 pages (A4), including a photo and max. 5 most relevant peer reviewed publications.
3. **Motivation letter (max 1200 words):** including a statement on your area of interest and reasons behind the visit. Please also outline what specific experience is sought and how this would fit into your individual career development.



4. **Letter of recommendation (max 800 words):** The letter of recommendation must be on the institute's letterhead paper, duly signed and dated by the head of your department. **The letter of recommendation must include:**
- 4.1. The full contact information of the person recommending you.
 - 4.2. The confirmation that you are in training with at least 3 years of clinical experience in gastroenterology, medical oncology, digestive surgery or radiation oncology.
 - 4.3. Details on your work experience.

Please send your application documents 1. - 4. to the ESDO Office via email info@esdo.eu

All documents / attachments must be sent in PDF, MS Word or MS Excel format although PDF is preferred to ensure proper conversion. The forwarded documents should not be password protected or they may not convert properly. All hand signed documents are to be scanned and included in the application.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of applicants follows a two-step approach:

1. A pre-selection of applicants is made by the Members of the ESDO Governing Board on the basis of scientific and expert evaluation of your application. The following criteria will be assessed:
 - a. Extent and level of education (CV)
 - b. Motivation letter
 - c. Letter of recommendation; other professional training
 - d. Quality of the application
 - e. How the acquired information and knowledge will be used in the home institute

Notifications will be given by end of January at the latest.

2. The final selection of the awardees will be done via Skype interviews led by the local host.

For all changes or inquiries to your application, please contact the office info@esdo.eu. Your message must include your full name and your ESDO Member ID.

ESDO will require a structured summary report on the visit within one month after termination. The host must approve this report.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP GRANTS

The ESDO Trainee Fellowship is a short-term educational visit that is for the duration of at least 2 weeks (maximum stay to be defined by the host institute). The lump sum of EUR 1.000 will be paid to the fellow's account upon the fellow's claim at the start of the fellowship. It is not intended to completely cover all travel costs or normal salary levels. Travel, accommodation, costs for visa, passports etc. are in the responsibility of the fellow. The fellowship does not cover medical care, insurance or taxes. ESDO Fellowship Award recipients are not insured by ESDO 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. ESDO is not liable for the actions, activities, health or safety of the fellows.