

ESSO TRAINING FELLOWSIPS

The Education & Training Committee of ESSO is pleased to offer a number of Training Fellowships to support trainees in Surgical Oncology. The aim of these fellowships is to allow young surgeons to visit a specialist centre, expand their experience and learn new techniques. These fellowships are competitive and applicants require support from the head of their own department as well as from the head of the department they wish to visit.

Up to 5 standard fellowships (value 2,000 EUR each) are granted each year to support a young colleague who wishes to spend 1-3 months at a specialist centre in order to expand his/her clinical or research experience in surgical oncology.

In addition, one major training fellowship (value 10,000 EUR) is intended for a longer period of training (6-12 months). The successful applicant of the Major Fellowship will be invited to summarise this experience in an original article to be posted on the ESSO website. He/she will also be invited to give an oral presentation at the next ESSO congress.

All successful fellows will be invited to report on their experience and provide a testimonial and picture for publication on the ESSO website.

ELIGIBLE CRITERIA

- Applicants must be specialist/specializing in surgery (or in any other medical discipline where cancer surgery is performed, i.e. gynaecology).
- Applicants must be or become ESSO members.
- Applicants must be younger than 40 years.
- European applicants may choose to visit European or non-European units, while non-European applicants must choose to visit a European centre.
- The traineeship period should occur within one year following the deadline for application.

GUIDELINES

Applications must be submitted in English only before the **deadline of October 15th**. Applications must include the following information:

1. A motivation letter describing the applicant's area of interest, research plan and reasons behind the visit.

This should outline what the applicant expects to achieve during his/her visit. It should therefore detail what specific experience is sought and how this would fit into the applicant's individual career development. In particular, details should be supplied regarding the Institution to be visited as well as the clinical/research opportunities the hosting department can offer.

2. A curriculum vitae (max 2 pages).

Applicants should submit a full CV with a note detailing their career intentions. The applicant is invited to detail the number of research articles published on international peer-reviewed journals, the number of review articles, the number of book chapters and the number of congress presentations. S/he is also invited to produce a list of the most relevant papers (maximum 5).

3. A Letter of support.

Applicants should include a letter of support from their own head of department.

4. A Letter of invitation

Applicants must supply a letter of support from the head of the department they wish to visit indicating that the hosting unit will be capable to provide the expected training experience.