THE PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The ECF Young Neurologist Clinical Fellowship Programme has been developed to offer young health care operators the possibility to benefit from a short period of training, focused on patient care and management, at a Multiple Sclerosis Centre affiliated with ECF.

This is a short-term programme (3-6 months) aimed at advancing knowledge and experience in specific skills or subspecialty areas in a highly recognized MS Centre.

The exact duration of the Fellowship will be decided by the ECF Fellowship Programmes Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis, according to the candidate’s training plan and the availability of the host MS Centre.

The programme welcomes applicants from all regions. To apply for the Young Neurologist Clinical Fellowship, applicants should complete and submit the Candidate Application Form.

PROGRAMME TERMS

▪ Eligibility criteria
  - Candidates must hold an MD or equivalent professional degree. Having completed a relevant internship and residency is desirable, but candidates who have not yet completed internships or residencies are eligible to apply.
  - Candidates must be educated to post graduate level in an area relevant to care and management of Multiple Sclerosis (for instance, neurology, electrophysiology, physiatry/rehabilitation medicine, psychiatry, etc).
  - Candidates must be less than 40 years of age.
  - The Fellowship Programme should be focused in an area relevant to Multiple Sclerosis.
  - Candidates and their mentors must affirm that there will be no language barriers that will impede the training experience.

▪ Training Location
  - The Clinical Training Fellowship period must be spent in a Clinical centre focused on MS.
  - For those candidates who are citizens of European countries, the site of training should be located in a different country from that of the fellow’s citizenship, to help facilitate cross-border exchange and communications; exceptions will be considered under special circumstances.
  - The prospective fellow must determine in advance the Clinical Training Programme location and identify a proposed mentor who will be supporting the training period, all of which will be considered along with the fellow’s own qualifications, in the review and selection process. The chief of the Host Clinical Centre must provide a supporting statement at the end of application.

▪ Start of the training programme
  - In most circumstances, Clinical Training Programme must be initiated (all paper work submitted to the programme administrator; move to training venue complete; work actively beginning) within 6 months of
the receipt of a grant letter from ECF. Any exceptions of this must be approved by the ECF Fellowship Programmes Selection Committee.

- **Support**
  - ECF will provide a stipend of €2,000 per month.
  - The fellow is expected to use this grant in a responsible way.
  - Travel and accommodation are to be arranged by the fellow.
  - Fellows will be invited to attend the ECF Annual Meeting during the term of their training period. ECF will separately support travel and accommodation for the Annual Meeting participation.
  - The costs of attending other important meetings (travel and registration fee) during the Fellowship period may be covered by the grant, provided that the maximum amount of the Fellowship Grant is not exceeded.
  - The fellow has to submit an overview of his expenses related to the Grant within 3 months after completing the Fellowship.
  - The Fellowship Grant does not cover the expenses for family members, permanent acquisitions such as clothes, computers, etc. or any Clinical materials.
  - No additional support for travel, books, journal subscriptions, etc. will be provided.
  - The up-to-date list of the institutions of the ECF Board Members can be found under annex III.

- **Activities During the Fellowship Period:**
  - The Clinical Fellowship is intended to be a full-time training experience.
  - The anticipated training programme, including any course work or assistance in a host institution’s clinical centre, must be described in detail by the applicant and mentor in their proposals to ECF.

- **Changes in the Fellowship Programme:**
  - It is anticipated that the entire training period will be undertaken within the host institution as planned. However, in special circumstances, ECF will consider requests to transfer the Fellowship to a new mentor or institution. Authorization must be requested and provided prior to any such change.
  - The ECF Clinical Training Fellowship is an individual grant and is not transferable to a different fellow at the host institution.
  - ECF must be notified of early termination of any fellowship and unspent funds must be returned to ECF.
  - ECF may revoke or terminate a Clinical Training Fellowship early if the fellow is unable to carry out the training as planned, if a mentor requests termination because of unsatisfactory performance by the fellow, or in the event of cause established by due process of law or as a consequence of an institutional review committee’s determination of fraud or malfeasance.

- **Reporting:**
  - Fellows are required to provide a maximum 2-page report on the outcomes and learnings of the training experience at its conclusion due within 3 months of the completion of the training programme.
CANDIDATE INFORMATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name:
First Name:
Birth Place:
Date of birth:
Sex:
Citizenship (list all if more than one):
Full Private address:
Phone:
e-mail:
Details (phone number and full name) of a person to be contacted in case of emergency (fe: in case of an {work} accident during the Fellowship):

BANK DETAILS

Once the Fellowship has been granted, the Fellowship grant will be transferred to this account.
The bank account should be under the authority of the candidate.
Full address details of the bank:

IBAN:
BIC:

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED:
- a scan of the passport of the Candidate
- a recent headshot photograph in *.jpg format of the Candidate
LANGUAGE ABILITIES

Mother tongue:

Other languages?

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Rate your abilities as excellent, average, low.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED:

Enclose a copy of language certificates and/or diplomas.

PROFESSIONAL DETAILS

- Present position & clinical interests
  
  Name of your current Institution/organisation:
  
  Full professional address:

  For how long have you been in this Institution/Hospital/University:

  Name of current or last superior, supporting the Fellowship application:

  Phone of superior:

  e-mail of superior:

  Do you have an ongoing training programme (yes/no)?

  If yes, describe it briefly:
What is your Clinical interest?

- **Neurology training**

  Is neurology recognized as a sub-specialty in your country of residence?
  
  Are you fully trained in Neurology (have you completed your Neurology training) (Yes/No)?
  
  If yes,

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  Details of training:

  **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED:**
  - A short CV (max 200 words, in full sentences, written in the third person)
  - A full curriculum vitae
  - Current clinical plan (if any)

- **Previous foreign professional experience**

  Have you participated in other foreign training activities/Fellowship programmes (yes/no)?
  
  If yes, give details on:
  - Country:
  - Topic/speciality:
  - Length of stay:
THE CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP

DURATION, OBJECTIVES, CHALLENGES

Please, state the proposed duration of the Fellowship programme that you think would be most appropriate for your goals:
- 4 months
- 6 months
- Other - please, specify and explain: ....................

What are the main areas of interest that you would like to work on/develop during your Clinical Fellowship training?

Describe the aim/goal/objective of your Fellowship.

How will the Host Centre benefit from your stay/Fellowship?

How will the ECF Fellowship Programmes Selection Committee be able to measure the success of your Fellowship?

How have you been informed about the ECF Clinical Fellowship Programme?

Is the application:
- Your personal and private initiative (yes/no)?
- A request from your Home Centre (yes/no)?
- Supported by your Home Centre (yes/no)?
- Resulting from another initiative (yes/no)? Give details, please:

What do you see as the biggest challenge of your Clinical Fellowship?
- During your stay in the Host country or Host Centre.
- When you return to your Home Centre.

Are you committed to go back to your current country of residence at the end of the Fellowship (yes/no)?
How do you see the benefits of this training in your future career?

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED:
- Signed letter of recommendation of your current or last supervisor, supporting the application.
- Signed letter of recommendation of the supervisor of the Host Centre.

REPORT OF THE FELLOWSHIP
Upon accepting the Fellowship, the fellow agrees to submit a written report on the Fellowship.

Format:
- A maximum 150 words executive summary
- A max 2 page report

Content:
- Outcome of the Fellowship as compared to the initial goals
- Key learnings of the Fellowship
- Overview of the expenses

Besides the report the fellow should also submit an overview of the expenses related to the grant.
The report and the overview of expenses should be submitted the latest 3 months after the end of the Fellowship via charcot@seauton-international.com.

SIGNATURE

Full name:

Date:

Signature:
ANNEX I: TREATMENT OF PERSONAL DATA AND PUBLICITY

Upon accepting the Fellowship, the fellow agrees:

- That his/her personal information as listed above, will be stored in the database of the European Charcot Foundation for the good execution of the agreement related to the Fellowship Programme and for communicating general information on the activities of the European Charcot Foundation.
- That his/her picture and short CV will be put on ECF’s website and included in ECF newsletters and other ECF materials (e.g. a poster).
- That the written report on his/her Fellowship will be posted on ECF’s website.
- That the executive summary report on the Fellowship will be shared via the ECF newsletter.

Full name:

Date:

Signature:
ANNEX II: FULL LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED

All documents can be emailed to charcot@seauton-international.com. Please use Wetransfer or any other document sharing application if the combined files exceed 10MB.

1. Signed candidate application form
2. a scan of the passport of the Candidate
3. a recent headshot photograph in *.jpg format of the Candidate
4. a copy of language certificates and/or diplomas of the Candidate
5. a short CV (max 200 words, in full sentences, written in the third person)
6. a full curriculum vitae
7. Current Clinical plan
8. Signed letter of recommendation of current or last supervisor, supporting the application.
10. Signed Annex I: Treatment of Personal Data and Publicity
## ANNEX III: HOST CENTERS: INSTITUTIONS OF ECF BOARD MEMBERS

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| Argentina | Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires  
Department of Neurology and MS Center  
Buenos Aires                              | Prof Edgardo Cristiano |
| Australia | Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital; Perron Institute Perth  
Department of Neurology  
Perth                                         | Prof William Carroll |
| Austria  | Medical University of Graz  
Department of Neurology and MR Center  
Graz                                             | Prof Franz Fazekas |
|          | Medical University of Vienna  
Division of Neuroimmunology, Center for Brain Research  
Vienna                                     | Prof Hans Lassmann |
| Canada   | The Ottawa Hospital,  
Ottawa Hospital Research Institute  
Ottawa, Ontario                               | Prof Mark S. Freedman |
|          | MS Centre  
St Michael’s Hospital  
Toronto, Ontario                                 | Prof. Xavier Montalban |
| Denmark  | Copenhagen University Hospital, Rigshospitalet  
Danish Multiple Sclerosis Center  
Copenhagen                                   | Prof Per Soelberg Sørensen |
| France   | C.H.U Pontchaillou  
Clinique Neurologique  
Rennes                                         | Prof Gilles Edan |
|          | University of Lille, CHU de Lille, Clinique de Neurologie  
Department of Neurology  
Lille                                         | Prof Patrick Vermersch |
| Germany  | Heinrich-Heine-University  
Department of Neurology  
Dusseldorf                                    | Prof Hans-Peter Hartung |
| Israel   | Carmel Medical Center, Faculty of Medicine, Technion  
Department of Neurology  
Haifa                                           | Prof Ariel Miller |
| Italy    | University Vita-Salute San Raffaele  
Scientific Institute San Raffaele  
Milan                                          | Prof Giancarlo Comi |
|          | Università degli Studi *Aldo Moro* Bari, Policlinico  
Dipartimento di Scienze Mediche di Base, Neuroscienze  
ed Organi di Senso  
Bari                                                 | Prof Maria Trojano |
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Department of Multiple Sclerosis Therapeutics
Multiple Sclerosis & Neuromyelitis Optica Center, Southern
TOHOKU Research Institute for Neuroscience (STRINS)
Fukushima

Prof Kazuo Fujihara

Poland
Neurology Center Lodz
Lodz
University of Warmia and Mazury
Department of Neurology
Olszyn

Prof Krzysztof Selmaj

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Amsterdam University Medical Centers
MS Center Amsterdam
Amsterdam

Prof Bernard M.J. Uitdehaag

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Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery
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Prof Alexey Boyko

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Malaga

Prof Oscar Fernandez

Vall d’Hebron University Hospital and Research Institute
MS Centre of Catalonia (Cemcat)
Barcelona

Prof Xavier Montalban

Switzerland
University Hospital and University of Basel
Departments of Medicine, Clinical Research, Biomedicine and Biomedical Engineering
Neurologic Clinic and Polyclinic

Prof Ludwig Kappos

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West Wing John Radcliffe Hospital Oxford University Hospitals Trust
Department of Clinical Neurology
Oxford

Prof Jacqueline Palace

University College London, Faculty of Brain Sciences
Institute of Neurology
London

Prof Alan Thompson

USA
Harvard Medical School
Partners Multiple Sclerosis Center Ann Romney Center for
Neurologic Diseases, Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Boston

Prof Howard L. Weiner