



ECF YOUNG NEUROLOGIST RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

THE PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The ECF Young Neurologist Research Fellowship Programme has been developed to offer talented Young Researchers in the area of Multiple Sclerosis to work in an excellent research institution to enhance her/his competences on specific field of MS.

This is a **short-term programme (3 to 6 months)** aimed at offering basic and clinical researchers the opportunity to benefit from training in a specific research methodology or techniques at a reputed and highly recognized Research Centre. Application from researchers of emerging countries with the aim of acquiring competences and expertise not currently available in or of clear value to their home country are particularly welcome.

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 needs and availability.

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

PROGRAMME TERMS

▪ Eligibility criteria

- Candidates must be post graduate.
- Candidates with a **specialty interest in pathology, pathogenesis/pathophysiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, monitoring and treatment/management** or any other field of medicine that is related and important to **MS** are eligible.
- 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 Research Fellowship period must be spent in one of the research centres that are involved in the programme.
- 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 Research 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 Research Centre must provide a supporting statement at the end of application.

▪ Start of the training programme

- In most circumstances, Research 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 research 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 Research Fellowship is intended to be a **full-time** training experience.
- The anticipated **research programme** must be **described in detail** by the applicant and mentor in their proposals to ECF.

▪ Changes in the Research 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 Research 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 Research 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?

Language	Reading abilities	Writing abilities	Speaking abilities	Related diplomas

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 & research 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 Research 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,

Name of Hospital / University	
Supervisor	
Start time of training	
Duration of training	

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 research 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 RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

DURATION, OBJECTIVES, CHALLENGES

Please, state the proposed duration of the Fellowship programme that you think would be most appropriate for your goals:

- 3 months
- 4 months
- 5 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 Research 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 Research 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 Research 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 (fe: 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 Research plan
8. Signed letter of recommendation of current or last supervisor, supporting the application.
9. Signed letter of recommendation of the supervisor of the Host Centre.
10. Signed Annex I: Treatment of Personal Data and Publicity

ANNEX III: HOST CENTERS: INSTITUTIONS OF ECF BOARD MEMBERS

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
	Max Planck Institute of Neurobiology Martinsried	Prof Hartmut Wekerle
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
Japan	Fukushima Medical University School of Medicine Department of Multiple Sclerosis Therapeutics Multiple Sclerosis & Neuromyelitis Optica Center, Southern TOHOKU Research Institute for Neuroscience (STRINS) Fukushima	Prof Kazuo Fujihara
Poland	University of Warmia and Mazury Department of Neurology Olsztyn	Prof Krzysztof Selmaj
Netherlands	Amsterdam University Medical Centers MS Center Amsterdam Amsterdam	Prof Bernard M.J. Uitdehaag
Russia	Russian State Medical University, Neuroclinica, MS Center Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery Moscow	Prof Alexey Boyko
Spain	Instituto de Investigación Biomédica de Málaga (IBIMA) Málaga	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 Policlinic	Prof Ludwig Kappos
UK	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	Prof Howard L. Weiner