

Announcement

National Cancer Institute (NCI)–European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) Research Training Program

THE EORTC and NCI are offering a fellowship program to enable cancer research scientists to work in U.S.- or EORTC- related institutions for 1–3 years. Through arrangements with home institutions or other outside sources, candidates must provide an equivalent of 50% contribution to the subsistence allowance. Home institutions may provide greater support. Fellowships are granted for 1 year and can be renewed twice for a period of 1 year each. No extensions beyond 3 years or reapplications will be approved. The program may not be used to provide supplemental support to individuals already in the United States under other federally sponsored programs. Visits under this program must be conducted on a continuous basis for at least 1 year. Exceptions will be considered for leave in connection with personal or family emergencies.

Prospective candidates must find an investigator willing to provide laboratory space and support for work to be done. Sponsors may be found within or outside NCI. Applications should be submitted to the EORTC along with documentation as described in the following section.

The following written documents are required in English from all applicants: (a) a completed application form; (b) a description of research, not to exceed three typewritten pages; (c) assurance of host support; (d) agreement of the applicant's release from the home institution for the purpose and duration of the fellowship; (e) assurance of intention to return to the home institution at the end of the fellowship; (f) statement concerning the provision of 50% of financial support by a source other than NCI; and (g) three letters of recommendation mailed by the recommending individuals independently from the application directly to the EORTC.

There is no age limit for applying to the EORTC program. However, candidates must have completed a minimum of 3 years of postdoctoral cancer research and be familiar with the language of the host institution to be eligible for a fellowship. U.S. citizens are eligible if they wish to apply to EORTC-related institutions.

The following deadlines have been established to apply for an EORTC fellowship:

Closing Date

April 15 October 15

Jury Review

June 15 December 15

Review by Executive Committee, NCI

July 15 January 15

Notification of Candidates/Sponsors

August 1 February 15

Earliest Starting Time

September–October March–April

Renewal/Extension

Four months prior to termination of first and second years.

Fellowships must begin within 1 calendar year of notification. Delay beyond this time will result in termination of the fellowship.

The NCI–EORTC fellowship does not cover travel or insurance expenses. Information on travel grants and insurance is available at local Fulbright Commissions and at American Embassies. U.S. citizens may apply for Fulbright travel grants through the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (11 Dupont Circle, N.W. Washington, DC 20036). Candidates should submit applications for Fulbright grants at the same time that fellowship applications are filed.

Passports are the responsibility of individual candidates for themselves and accompanying family members. NCI–EORTC research fellows must travel to the United States on J-1 visas; their dependents travel on J-2 U.S. visas. Certificates enabling candidates to obtain these visas are provided by Fulbright Commissions for their grantees and by the Fogarty International Center for all others.

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