

## ICF CLINICAL UNIT VISIT (CUV) FELLOWSHIP (2027-2028)

### Information for Host Institutes

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The **ICF Clinical Unit Visit (CUV) Fellowship** is an educational and observational programme of the **International Cancer Foundation (ICF)** supporting early-career oncologists through a structured, short-term clinical observership at a recognised oncology centre or Host Institute.

The programme supports the professional development of early-career oncologists through international clinical observation and knowledge exchange.

### 1. Nature of the Fellowship

The CUV Fellowship is an **unpaid, educational and observational clinical observership/attachment**.

It does **not** constitute employment, paid work, independent medical practice, direct patient treatment, clinical responsibility, or replacement of staff at the Host Institute.

The standard Fellowship duration is **8 weeks**.

During the visit, the Fellow may participate in educational activities agreed with the Host Institute, such as multidisciplinary team meetings, specialised clinics, clinical discussions, educational sessions, research-related activities, and exposure to institutional practices and patient pathways, in accordance with the Host Institute's internal rules and applicable regulations.

### 2. Financial Support Provided by ICF

For a standard **8-week Fellowship**, ICF provides:

#### For the Fellow

- **EUR 6,000** as a contribution towards accommodation and living expenses during the Fellowship.
- Reasonable travel expenses to and from the approved Host Institute may also be reimbursed by ICF after completion of the Fellowship, in accordance with the applicable ICF conditions.

#### For the Host Institute

ICF provides **EUR 1,000 administrative contribution** to the Host Institute for a standard 8-week Fellowship.

The contribution is intended to help cover reasonable hosting-related administrative costs, such as:

- registration and onboarding;
- access badges;
- IT or system access;
- administrative coordination;
- documentation and internal approvals; and
- other arrangements required to host the Fellow.

The contribution can be processed once ICF has received the signed Fellowship Agreement and complete Host Institute bank details.

### 3. Role of the Host Institute

The Host Institute is expected to provide a structured educational and/or research experience and to designate a supervising **Host Mentor**.

The Host Institute is expected to:

- agree with the Fellow on the educational objectives and proposed programme of the visit;
- facilitate the Fellow's integration into relevant clinical, educational and/or research activities;
- provide appropriate supervision through the designated Mentor;
- support the Fellow's learning and professional development;
- review and sign the Fellow's final report at the end of the Fellowship; and
- where feasible, maintain professional interaction with the Fellow following completion of the Fellowship.

The exact programme and level of access are determined by the Host Institute in accordance with its own policies, available resources and applicable laws.

### 4. Benefits of Hosting an ICF Fellow

By hosting an ICF Clinical Unit Visit Fellow, institutions can contribute directly to the education and professional development of early-career oncologists and to the transfer of oncology expertise across institutions and countries.

Hosting a Fellow can also offer opportunities to:

- strengthen international professional and institutional networks;
- exchange clinical and organisational experience with colleagues from other healthcare settings;
- develop longer-term mentoring and professional relationships;
- explore future educational, clinical or research collaborations; and
- support the dissemination of knowledge and good practice through the Fellow's home institution and country.

### 5. Final Report

Within **one month after completion of the Fellowship**, the Fellow must submit a final report to ICF using the official template.

The report must be shared with the Host Institute and the Fellow's home institution and signed by both the Fellow and the Host Mentor.

The **Host Mentor may also be contacted by ICF to complete a short follow-up survey for monitoring and evaluation purposes**, to help assess the Fellowship experience and inform future programme development.

### 6. Additional Fellowship Opportunities through ESMO

Host Institutes interested in offering additional fellowship opportunities may also wish to participate in the **ESMO Oncology Fellowship Programme**.

ESMO works with Host Institutes and Mentors to support the career development of young oncologists

through fellowship and research opportunities.

Further information on hosting an ESMO Fellow is available here:

**Host an ESMO Fellow**

<https://www.esmo.org/career-development/oncology-fellowships/host-an-esmo-fellow>

Participation in the ESMO Fellowship Programme is separate from participation in the ICF Clinical Unit Visit Fellowship and is subject to ESMO's own requirements and procedures.

## 7. Contact

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