

PROGRAMME: ANDREW BURROUGHS SHORT TERM FELLOWSHIP

TARGET AUDIENCE: The Short Term Fellowship programme is directed at postgraduate investigators (both basic and clinical investigators) who intend to spend a limited amount of time (usually 3-6 months) at a foreign institution to accomplish a very focused research project, to learn an experimental procedure or methodology, or to acquire in-depth knowledge about a sophisticated, clinical or diagnostic procedure not available at the Home Institution.

AMOUNT AWARDED: 3,000 EUR per month will be provided. The bench fee reimbursement is not included.

PERIOD: Up to a maximum of 6 months, and at the discretion of the reviewing committee, non-renewable.

HOSTING INSTITUTION: Must be located in Europe, and at a different location from where the applicant is presently working.

CONDITIONS

- Candidates must be active EASL members or have applied for membership at the time of the application;
- Candidates must have a M.D. or Ph.D. degree at the time that the fellowship is awarded.
- Candidates must be no more than 40 years old, with time allowed for parental leave in line with EU standards: 1.5 years per child for mothers and respective time taken off for fathers).;
- Hosting Institution must be in a different country from the Home Institution in Europe;
- No more than 1 application per each home department will be considered during a period of 2 years following the grant allocation;
- The research/clinical supervisor in the hosting institution must be an EASL member but must not be member of the EASL Governing Board;
- No restriction on the applicant's nationality.

APPLICATIONS AND REVIEW PROCESS

- Applications should be submitted online at www.easl.eu in English during two application periods: 15 July – 15 September and 15 January – 15 March.
- The competitive admission process is held in various stages:
 - Applications are reviewed by an *ad hoc* committee (2 members of the EASL Scientific Committee plus 2 external experts nominated by the EASL Scientific Committee).
 - Final selection is made by the EASL Scientific Committee
 - Reviewers are requested to provide detailed written feedback on the application based on:
 1. Fellow qualifications (20 points): Experience in clinical and/or basic research).

2. .Technical motivation (20 points): Acquisition of (a) relevant novel techniques which are not available in the home institution or (b) diagnostic or therapeutic procedures, for the benefit of patients and/or for a research project c) scientific value and feasibility of proposed research program.
 3. Suitability of the Hosting Institution for providing the specific technical training or clinical training and/or accommodating the proposed research project (20 points).
- Applicants are notified within three months from their application on the selection outcome by email.
 - In order to process applications, EASL will need to process the applicant's personal data as provided in the application dossier. The applicant gives his/her consent to such control and processing of his/her personal data. EASL will handle the applicant's personal data in accordance with all applicable legislation for the purpose of reviewing the candidate's suitability for the present award.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

- The fellowship must begin at the latest by the end of the year of the awarded grant and it is not renewable.
- Successful applicants will receive a total fund of EUR 3,000 per month from EASL for the entire research project.
- Successful applicants are requested to submit a photo and short project summary to be posted on the EASL website, social media and newsletter.
- After receiving the fellowship, the fellow should make him/herself available to present the data upon request of the EASL Governing Board.
- A brief progress report accompanied by a letter from supervisor at the hosting institution detailing the accomplishment of the project is requested at the end of the programme.
- In the event that the award recipient is unable to complete the research or wishes to discontinue the research before its completion, the award recipient will be required to return all unexpended funds within 30 days of notification and any remaining award will be cancelled.
- Any presentation or publication of the data should mention that it was supported by the work of the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL).

APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE:

- A detailed CV;
- 2 reference letters (including one from the candidate's senior mentor at the Home Institution);
- A project summary;
- An official letter of support signed by the candidate's supervisor at the Hosting Institution including a statement detailing how much of the design and research work will be done by the candidate and expected goals of the project.