

ESTS Zurich Fellowship 2019

Aim

A research fellowship offered for 6 months to young scientists and clinicians to visit the Department of Thoracic Surgery at the University Hospital Zurich, Switzerland, with the aim of getting an insight and special knowledge of clinical or translational research concepts or techniques not available at the home institution. The home institution should benefit from the research training when the applicant returns, by leading to research developments and activities back onsite. Furthermore, it may offer the opportunity of an additional clinical training.

Grant amounts

15.000 EUR

Includes salary and project costs; travel expenses will be reimbursed additionally (maximum 500 EUR).

Eligibility criteria

Postdoctoral candidate (M.D. in training for thoracic surgery)

Upper age limit 40

Adequate skills in English or German

Applicant must be member of ESTS

The program is open to both European and non-European based candidates.

After completion of the fellowship, the applicant must return to her/his home institution to apply the acquired skills; at the home institution appropriate facilities and resources must be available.

Application process

The Biology Club members (Brendon Stiles and Olivia Lauk), the Department Chief of Thoracic Surgery Zurich Walter Weder, the Director of Education Hasan Batirel and the Treasurer Isabelle Opitz will review the applications.

The applicant must submit an outline of a project along with his/her CV (curriculum vitae) and bibliography. For the fellowship additional documents from the candidate's institution and a supporting letter from the home institution are needed. The research project submitted can be in the field of general thoracic surgery including oncology (mesothelioma – lung cancer – clinical or translational project), emphysema, CTEPH or transplantation research. Staff members will supervise the project in respect to their expertise.

A statement of the candidate's Educational Supervisor should confirm that the home institution would be able to provide the fellow upon the return with appropriate facilities and resources.

Selection process

The candidate will be chosen by the Biology Club members (Brendon Stiles and Olivia Lauk), the Department Chief of Thoracic Surgery Zurich Walter Weder, the Director of Education Hasan Batirel and the Treasurer Isabelle Opitz based on the originality and feasibility of the project. The benefit of the project to the candidate's career and home institution and the added value to research are equally assessed.

Reporting

Results of the projects are encouraged to be published in the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery. Fellowship applicants are expected to write a final report as well as a financial report.

Applications

Applications to be sent by **Monday 1 April 2019** to:

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