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Technical Fellowships 2024 Application guidelines

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Introduction

Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) is the largest global membership organisation dedicated to the fight against cancer. Founded in 1933 and based in Geneva, UICC has over 1,100 member organisations in 172 countries and territories. The membership base includes the world's major cancer leagues and societies, research institutes, treatment centres, hospitals, ministries of health, public health agencies and patient support groups.

UICC's mission is to both unite and support the cancer community in its efforts to reduce the global cancer burden, promote greater equity and ensure that cancer control continues to be a priority on the world health and development agenda.

UICC has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and has official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and partnerships with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). UICC is committed to working in partnership, and engages over 55 partners, including associations, companies and foundations, to amplify and extend its collective impact. UICC is a founding member of the NCD Alliance, the McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer, the International Cancer Control Partnership (ICCP) and established the City Cancer Challenge Foundation in 2019 and the Access to Oncology Medicines (ATOM) Coalition in 2022.

UICC's Fellowships programmes

Established in 1962, the Fellowships is one of UICC's oldest and most established programmes that seeks to foster a learning culture across the cancer community by encouraging collaboration and knowledge sharing opportunities. Since its inception, over 4000 cancer professionals from around the world have been provided with opportunities to learn new skills in cancer control that they can implement in their institutions upon their return home. For more information about the UICC fellowships, please visit http://www.uicc.org/capacity-building/grants/fellowships.

UICC's Technical Fellowships, one of a number of fellowship opportunities provided by UICC, provide cancer professionals the chance to gain new knowledge, skills and techniques in cancer control through short learning visits of two weeks to two months' duration. This specific fellowship opportunity was originally launched in 1976, and was called the International Cancer Research Technology Transfer awards (ICRETT), and has facilitated knowledge exchange for the last four decades.

UICC introduced a sub-programme of the Technical Fellowships translated into French in 2017, Bourses pour l'Afrique Francophone, enabling applicants from Francophone Africa to apply for the Technical Fellowships in French, and participate in learning exchanges with other French-speaking applications. As a result, many more individuals from the region have been able to access and benefit from this opportunity to build skills and knowledge in cancer control, with the number of applications received from and fellowships awarded to the region increasing four-fold.

Each year, the programme has continued to evolve, building on the learning of previous years and ensuring that the programme serves the needs of the cancer community. In 2023, further strengthening the quality of applications, UICC launched a new format, with a short two-month competitive call for applications rather than an open call all year round. The programme specifically targeted cancer professionals working in the fields of cancer prevention and early detection in low and middle-income countries. As a result, 21 fellowships were awarded on projects including cervical cancer screening, breast cancer early detection and tobacco cessation. The 2024 call will also take the same format of a two-month call for applications.

UICC also offers the following additional opportunities as part of its Fellowships portfolio:

- YY Study Grants provide an important opportunity to advance cancer research through international collaboration. Their purpose is to enable individuals from any country to carry out cancer research projects

abroad and including the opportunity to receive further training in research methods or techniques. Since its inception in 1972, the YY Study Grant programme has contributed to the professional capacity development of over 330 Fellows from over 40 countries.

- Virtual Fellowships represent an online alternative to in-person visits that opened in 2020 in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Cancer professionals from UICC member organisations obtain expert learning and guidance in cancer control in English, French or Spanish, through a series of one-to-one video calls with experts.

Objectives

The objectives of the Technical Fellowships programme are to:

- Facilitate the international exchange and development of technical knowledge and skills in cancer control.
- Build capacity of the individual and the home organisation through the effective application and dissemination of the newly acquired skills in the home organisation upon return.
- Support the development of networks of cancer control professionals for the continued sharing of best practices and knowledge, and the informal provision of ongoing support, guidance or training.

2024 call for applications

Call duration and award requests

A new system will be introduced for determining fellowship award amounts, which should be more objective and increase equity, as it will take the specific contexts and circumstances of recipients into account. Fellowship award amounts will be calculated based on the fellowship duration and published scales for living costs and economy flight estimates from the home to host countries, however maximum award amounts will remain as previous years (please see section below for more details).

Fellowships in Spanish for Latin American applicants

Individuals from Latin America will be able to apply for applications in Spanish via the new "**Becas para América Latina**" to help support applicants from the region to access and benefit from the learning opportunity provided by a Technical Fellowship. The application guidelines and evaluation platform have been translated into Spanish. Applicants to Becas para América Latina are able to visit Spanish-speaking countries in the region or further afield, as well as to countries where the Fellow and host supervisor speak a common language, for example an applicant from Venezuela could apply in Spanish to visit a host institution in Brazil or France, if both the applicant and host supervisor speak a common language.

Scope and topics of the call

Building on the experience and new model for the call for applications in 2023, UICC plans to open a short, competitive call for applications in 2024, with a strong emphasis on public health and the training of health professionals on cost-effective and evidence-based cancer control strategies and interventions relevant to and appropriate to the applicant's context, and the wider health system.

Fellowships will be prioritised that focus on preventing cancer or detecting it early as well as those projects that ensure equitable access to affordable and effective treatment and the supportive and palliative care of cancer survivors. Please see the Fellowship topics and cancer type section below for more information.

Fellowship topics can include cancer research, if it is implementation, translational or clinical research that leads directly to improved health and well-being of cancer patients, whereas applications on purely basic research are not encouraged, and applicants working on these topics should consider applying for a YY Study Grant.

Exclusive opportunities for UICC members

UICC is composed of over 1150 members across 172 countries, and continually seeks to ensure support and opportunities relevant to and available for its members. As a benefit for UICC members, UICC will help to facilitate an introduction with potential host institutions, leveraging UICC's large network of experts in cancer control.

If an individual from a UICC member organisation is interested to apply for a Fellowship and requires support to identify a host supervisor or institution, please contact fellows@uicc.org with the following details;

- The title of their organisation

- Copy of their CV

- Detailed description of the type of skills to be developed during a fellowship.

Application process

Target candidates

Cancer professionals performing translational, clinical and implementation research, clinicians, nurses and pathologists and public health professionals including epidemiologists, health educators, social workers, nutritionists, administrators and other specialised professional workers working in the field of cancer control are eligible to apply for a UICC Technical Fellowship in either English, in French if they are located in Francophone Africa or in Spanish if they are located in Latin America.

In line with UICC's strategic priorities and mission to promote greater global equity in access to affordable cancer care, applicants who are experiencing inequities in any country and who are of seeking to build technical skills and knowledge in foundational areas or services of key public health are encouraged to apply. Such applications will take priority over those involving training in state-of-the-art technologies such as robotic surgery, proton or CAR T therapy, or alternative medicines, for example.

Eligibility criteria

- The applicant may be of any nationality and may reside in any country at the time of the application but must apply to visit a different country for their fellowship visit.
- The applicant must hold a minimum of a Master's degree. Qualified medical doctors may be considered in the absence of a higher degree (i.e an MD) if they hold or are within a year of holding a board certification (or equivalent) in a cancer-related specialty. Registered nurses who have an RN qualification are also eligible to apply. An equivalent one-year's training qualification in a specialty related to cancer post university degree can be accepted as an equivalent to a Master's degree, for example training as a cancer registrar.
- All candidates should have worked in the field of cancer for at least five years prior to applying.
- Candidates who are currently participating in a study/educational programme, e.g. medical, Master's or PhD students are not eligible to apply, regardless of whether they already hold a Master's degree or medical equivalent.
- Applications including the attendance or participation in basic training courses, workshops, lectures, meetings, conferences, congresses, etc. or for visiting institutes without a defined project of work are not eligible.
- The duration of a fellowship can be between two and eight weeks. Applications for fellowships with shorter or longer durations are not eligible.
- Applications will be evaluated within a maximum timeframe of 90 days, beginning from the date of the submission deadline. Projects with start dates commencing before 90 days are not eligible.
- To permit effective communication with the host, the candidate must have adequate fluency in a common language.
- Applicants for les Bourses pour l'Afrique Francophone and Becas para América Latina must be located in Francophone Africa or Latin America respectively to be eligible to apply in French or Spanish respectively.

- The candidate must also be an employee i.e. on the payroll of a relevant institution, such as university, research laboratory or institute, hospital, oncology unit, registry or cancer society to where they will return at the end of a fellowship.
- Candidates who are working or have links with the alcohol, tobacco or arms/weapons sectors or industries or those working for commercial entities are not eligible to apply.
- Only one UICC fellowship can be applied for at a time. Candidates who have already obtained a UICC fellowship in the past may apply for further UICC awards only if they are members of the Association of UICC Fellows and one year has passed since their previous fellowship has ended.

Any application that is incomplete, of poor quality or non-compliant with the above eligibility criteria will not be considered by the Review Committee and will be rejected.

Fellowship duration and award amounts

Fellowship visits can be from a minimum duration of two weeks to a maximum duration of two months. The fellowship award amount will be calculated by UICC based on published living costs of the host country and of estimated economy class travel costs, with the maximum level of funding possible as follows:

Duration of fellowship	Maximum level of funding possible
Two weeks	2,200 USD
Three weeks	2,800 USD
Four weeks	3,400 USD
Five weeks	4,000 USD
Six weeks	4,600 USD
Seven weeks	5,200 USD
Eight weeks	5,800 USD

Fellowship topics and cancer type

On the online application form, applicants are requested to select the most appropriate topic listed below, as well as the type of cancer they work on, if relevant. Applications can address any topic across the cancer control continuum, or related to the wider health system which impact cancer control. Applications focused on addressing inequities in cancer care are strongly encouraged, for example those arising from disparities in access to healthcare, socioeconomic conditions and cultural differences. In addition, UICC welcomes applications focused on the implementation of cost effective evidence-based practices for cancer control into public health, clinical practice, and community settings.

1. Cancer prevention and early detection strategies, including vaccination and cancer screening.

2. Cancer risk factors including behavioural, occupational, environmental, medical and inherited genetic factors.

3. Cancer registries and analysis of cancer data.

4. Cancer diagnosis, prognosis and treatment (including observerships in cancer surgery, radio- and chemotherapy and medical oncology).

5. Patient support, survivorship and palliative care.

6. Health economics, universal health coverage and policy, national cancer control plans.

Fellowship long-term impact

Projects should be aligned with the strategic goals of the applicant's organisation, relevant to the local and national context, and resource setting. The applicant should have a clear understanding and plan as to how the learning gained during the visit will be further disseminated within their organisation to ensure maximum impact of the opportunity and funding received. Ideally, the project should contribute to a broader initiative led by the home organisation and would contribute towards strengthening cancer control in the applicant's country or region.

Finding a host supervisor and institution

It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify a suitable host supervisor, to make contact with them and obtain their agreement to host and mentor them for the duration of the fellowship visit. An invitation letter from the host supervisor signed by them must be uploaded as part of the application.

For examples of host institutions, applicants are encouraged to visit the UICC Technical Fellowships website, where there is a list of the previous years' awardees and the institutions they visited as well as institutions that have expressed an interest in hosting Fellows. In addition, applicants could explore the map of UICC member organisations for potential hosts, where they can search by country or region. UICC is currently developing additional partnerships with a number of organisations who specifically welcome Fellows to visit them and learn new skills in cancer control. These opportunities will be promoted as and when they become available.

Online application

Applicants must submit their applications online, and home and host supervisors are also required to register and complete sections of the online form, confirming their approval of the fellowship visit. Host supervisors need also to upload a scan of an official letter of invitation naming the applicant and the proposed dates of the fellowship visit. The online application process is explained in detail in the next section.

Application Review Process

Eligible applications are evaluated by members of an independent expert Review committee according to a peer-review process. Two or three reviewers in their respective fields carry out the evaluation of each application.

The assessments are strictly confidential, and the details are not shared outside of UICC and the selection committee, or to the applicants themselves. The reviewers' scores and comments are made available to the Programme Chair who, in collaboration with UICC, makes the final funding decision based on the application's quality and the available budget. The decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

Final Decisions

Applicants are informed of the final decision within 90 days of applying. If selected, they receive through the online grant management system a letter of award, which they should sign and upload, and a statement of award that will allow them to apply for a visa if needed.

Once applicants have uploaded signed letter of award, completed the banking details online form and have uploaded a copy of their visa, UICC is able to make the payment of the award, which will be transferred approximately two months before the fellowship visit.

Online submission

Applications can be submitted online at any time between the opening and closing of the call. Technical Fellowship applications are received and processed through the SmartSimple grants management system.

Information on how to access the platform, create your profile and submit your application are described below:

Register an account and login

Please click **here** to access SmartSimple grant management platform

- If you are a new user in SmartSimple, you will be required to click the '**Register here'** button under 'New to the system?' and complete the registration process.

  - After registering, you will receive an email with a link to create a password.
  - Please return to the login page and login to your account with your e-mail address and password.
  - If you are already registered in SmartSimple, please access the site and log in with your e-mail address and password.

Start your application

- Select the **Funding Opportunities** box under **Applications**. The list of open funding opportunities will be shown.
- To apply for the **Bourses pour l'Afrique Francophone programme** in French, please click the globe icon at the top of the screen and switch to French and then select the Bourses pour l'Afrique Francophone and click the '**Apply Now**' link.
- To apply for the **Becas para América Latina** in Spanish, please click the globe icon at the top of the screen and switch to Spanish and then select 'Becas para América Latina' and click the '**Apply Now**' link.
- To apply in English, select **Technical Fellowships** and click the **Apply Now** link. A new application form will be created.
- Click on the **Save** button to activate the form and start working on it.
- If you start an application and need to complete it at a later time you can click the '**Save Draft**' button at the bottom of the application. When you return to the platform you can find this saved application in by clicking on the **In Progress** box under **Applications** and open the application.
- On the SmartSimple main application page, beneath the general instructions, there are five tabs with fields to complete:

CONTACT INFORMATION   FELLOWSHIP SUMMARY   HOST ORGANISATION   PROJECT DESCRIPTION   APPLICANT BIO-SKETCH

Mandatory questions are marked with a red asterisk (*), if you click '**Submit**' without completing one of the mandatory fields, you will receive an error message directing you to the blank or uncomplete question.

Contact information

Select your organisation

Please start typing the name of the organisation in the text field and select it if you find a match. If you cannot find it this way, use the Lookup button to see a list of all the organisations registered in the system. If you still to not see it, please press the blue plus icon on the top left hand side and add its name, city and phone number.

You will then be asked to fill the following fields regarding your institution:

Select yourself as Primary Contact

Dear Dorya Host Supervisor,

Dorya Applicant has invited you to join an UICC grant application as a Supervisor. Please click on this link: https://uicc.eu-1.smartsimple.eu/ex/ex_invitation.jsp?lang= 1&token=%24BhTcqqUpKcAKClznHmxFpx8IxRkVoX35%2BfPsMljv4F4%3D to be redirected to the online grant application system to accept or decline the invitation. If you do not already have an account, you will be asked to create one.

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If you prefer to submit the supervisor forms manually, you can download the appropriate Word documents, complete them and ask your supervisors to print and sign them for you to upload as pdf documents.

Document submission

Invitation letter

Upload a letter with the official letterhead of the host institution, signed by your host supervisor, inviting you to the institution for the fellowship.

Home and host supervisor attestation forms

Choose one of the two options. You can select the first option, 'Download the form and upload it on the platform,' for your supervisors to fill out the form, and then you can upload it back to the platform. Alternatively, you can choose the second option, which involves sending online invites, and your supervisor can complete the form online. Please select ONLY ONE of the options.

   A) Download the form and upload it on the platform

The home and host supervisors should sign the form manually, and then you should upload them back on the platform in the boxes below.

Home supervisor form

If the home supervisor prefers to sign the form manually, please download the form and once signed upload it below.

Download form

📄 **Drop files here or browse files**
Maximum file size: 2 GB

Host supervisor form

If the host supervisor prefers to sign the form manually, please download the form and once signed upload it below.

Download form

📄 **Drop files here or browse files**
Maximum file size: 2 GB

B) Invite the supervisors online

Select the "Invite the supervisors online" option, click on the Invitations button to start inviting your home and host supervisors to complete their sections of your application (this is mandatory for submission).

On the **Invitations** window that pops up, click the plus **+** button to add a home or host supervisor.

Click on the **Save** button to save your home or host supervisor, and click on the **Invite** button next to it when you are ready to send the invitations.

When the invitations have been sent out you will see that the status of the home or host supervisor has changed to **Invited**. Also, you have the option to re-send the invitation emails by clicking on the **Re-Send Invite** button (first button on the left of the record).


Close the invitations window. The list of supervisors invited should be visible on your application form now. The supervisors invited will receive an email within the next five minutes including a link to be directed to the platform.

Dear Dorya Host Supervisor,

Dorya Applicant has invited you to join an UICC grant application as a Supervisor. Please click on this link: https://uicc.eu-1.smartsimple.eu/ex/ex_invitation.jsp?lang=1&token=%24BhTcqgUpKcAKClznHmxFpx8lxRkVoX35%2BfPsMljv4F4%3D to be redirected to the online grant application system to accept or decline the invitation. If you do not already have an account, you will be asked to create one.

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When the home or host supervisor clicks on the link provided, they will be asked to **Accept** or **Decline** the invitation made.
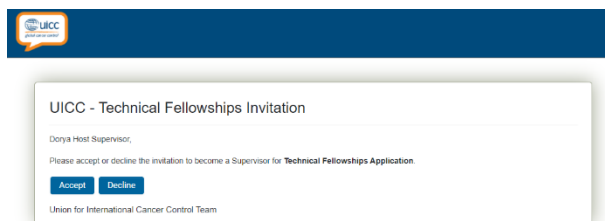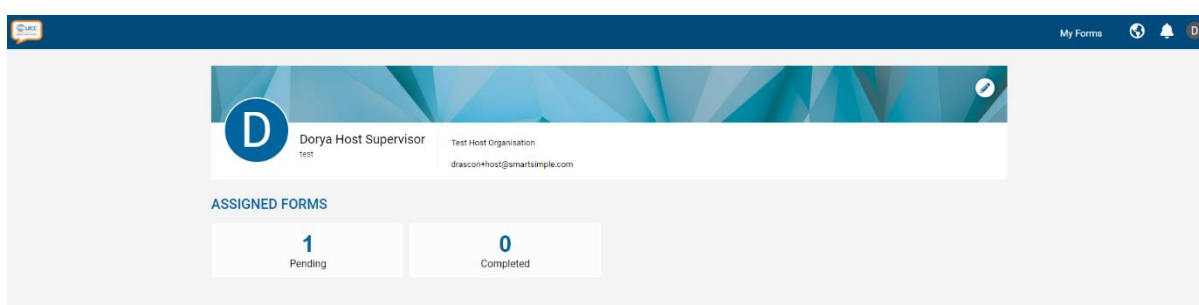
If the home or host supervisor declines, they will see a new window confirming their declination. The status on the list of invited users on the application form will get updated to "**Declined"** for this user.

| Dorya | Host Supervisor | drascon+host@smartsimple.com | Host Supervisor | Declined |

If the home or host supervisor accepts and already has an account, they can go to the login page and login to the system. If they are new users, they will be directly sent to the Registration page to create an account.

When the supervisors access the system, they will see their assigned Home/Host supervisor forms under **Assigned Forms Pending**. They will find their completed forms under the **Assigned Forms Completed**.

When the home or host supervisors open their pending form, they will see a number of fields already completed. Mandatory fields are marked with a red asterisk. Progress can be saved by clicking the **Save Draft** button.

Once all the fields are completed, supervisor users can press the **Complete** button. This will move the form to **Assigned Forms Completed** and that is all the supervisor is required to do.

After both host and home supervisor forms have been completed, you will notice that the status of your invited users is Accepted.

NOTE: Applicants will only be able to submit their application if at least one **Home Supervisor** and one **Host Supervisor** form have been completed.

Fellowship Summary

Project start and end dates:

Insert the start and end dates of your planned visit, taking into account that UICC requires 90 days to review applications. **Visits with start dates that are less than 90 days after the date of submission will not be considered**. You should also allow sufficient time to complete visa requests if awarded, after this 90 day maximum review period.

Total number of days of proposed visit duration:

Insert the total number of days of your proposed visit. UICC Technical Fellowship visits can be from two and eight weeks in duration i.e. between 14 and 56 days.

Project Title:

Please enter a concise title, no longer than 80 characters.

Topic:

Select one of the six listed topics which your project covers.

Main cancer type:

Type which cancer type your project concerns, mentioning if your project is relevant to all cancer types.

Additional funding sources:

If you have applied to another funding source for support for the same project and period, and the fellowships are financially supplemented by agencies other than the home or host institutes or the Fellows themselves, please select "yes" and provide more details regarding the source of this funding.

Abstract:

Provide a brief summary of your project that can be understood by a general audience of 200 words max.

How did you learn about the fellowship programme?

Please how you learned about the programme, whether through an internet search, UICC website, UICC conference, UICC, newsletter, a colleague at home or host institution, congress or other.

Host Organisation

Host Organisation name:

Please start typing the name of the organisation in the text field and select it if you find a match. If you cannot find it use the Lookup button to see a list of all the organisations registered in the system. If you still to not see it, please press the blue plus icon on the top left hand side and add its name, city and phone number, as explained above under Contact information: Select your organisation.

Please add the Department name of the host organisation that you plan to visit, the organisation's, working language and your level of knowledge of the language spoken at the host institution.

Please upload a scan of a signed letter of invitation on institution's headed notepaper, officially inviting the applicant to visit the host institution.

Project Description

This is the most important component of your application. It should be prepared by yourself and be approved by your home and host supervisors. It should include sufficient details to allow international peer reviewers to evaluate its quality, timeliness, relevance and duration and the potential to contribute to improving cancer control in your local and national context.

Purpose:

Include specific objectives that you want to achieve as a result of your fellowship visit.

Background:

Provide a summary of the current status of cancer control in your country in relation to your project focus, and describe how this fellowship is relevant, and will support progress in this area, within your local context, institution, or nationally.

Detailed work plan:

Please provide details of how the specific objectives will be achieved. You should include at least four paragraphs of text in complete sentences where you describe in detail your planned activities during your proposed visit. Please confer with your host supervisor to agree on the workplan.

Expected transferable skills:

Please provide details of the specific skills or new knowledge that will be gained during your visit.

Sustainability and equity:

Fellowships are intended to support or contribute to further impact in or development of the home institution. Please provide details of the opportunities for future sustainability, for example, detail your plans to continue to the work, apply and disseminate newly acquired skills, any opportunities for further funding; how the project meets strategic research goals of your institution. Describe how the skills and knowledge gained during your fellowships visit will help to address existing inequities in your country or health system.

Facilities in home institution:

Please describe if the infrastructure of your home institution will allow you to implement the skills and knowledge learned during your visit, and to disseminate these with relevant individuals.

Reason(s) for choice of host institution

Give reasoning for the choice of the host institution you have selected to visit on your fellowship, describing the facilities available that you will be able to access during your visit.

Publications relevant to the application

List up to five of your publications which are most relevant to this application. These applications should include you as one of the co-authors.

Justification of project duration:

Explain why the selected duration is appropriate to fulfil the objectives of the fellowship, for example noting why this could not be fulfilled in shorter timeframe.

Certification:

Please confirm that if the application is successful, you will return to your home institute at the end of the fellowship. Please confirm that the information in the application is true and complete to the best of your knowledge. Please state that you understand that any false statement is sufficient cause for rejection of this application or for cancellation of a fellowship already awarded.

Applicant Bio-Sketch

Education / Training

Click on the blue icon "Enter details".

Click the plus icon

Education / Training

ℹ Begin with your University degree or other initial professional education such as nursing training, include any postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable.

Organisation name	City and Country	Qualification obtained	Description of Qualification	Start date	End date
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List your education and training, beginning with your university degree, or other initial professional education, and including any postdoctoral training. Include the name of the organisation name, city and country, the qualification obtained, the date when you started and ended it and a short description.

Positions:

List professional posts you have held since finishing your education, including job title and institution name, city and country, concluding with the present position at the bottom.

Prizes and Awards:

Indicate any awards, grants or prizes you have received, including fellowships, including the date obtained.

Personal Statement:

Please summarise in a paragraph your motivation for this project and the reasons why you think you are the best candidate, indicating any qualifications or activities that seem relevant to you.

Abstracts or posters at conferences:

List all abstracts in chronological order.

Previous UICC Fellowship award:

List any previous UICC Fellowship awards with dates.

Research Funding:

List all ongoing and completed research projects in which you are/were the principal investigator or co-investigator. Include a brief summary of overall goals of the project and your responsibilities.

Updates to application

The contact information page contains your contact details from the initial registration step. If there are any errors on your application (whether from an error entering the information or the information has changed since submitting a previous application) please update your profile by clicking on the circle with your initials in the upper right-hand corner. You can update your application any time you wish before it is submitted.

Application submission

When you are ready to submit your application click the 'Submit' button at the bottom of the application.

After clicking 'Submit' you will not be able to edit the application anymore.

Applications will be acknowledged by an email from SmartSimple and if items are missing, applicants will be contacted. Please ensure you have received the acknowledgement message that confirms that your application was submitted.

Communications from UICC

UICC might respond to you with questions through the grant management system. In this case, you will receive a notification from the SmartSimple system via email if additional information is required and additional emails as your application moves through the various phases of assessment.

You will receive regular updates on your application through SmartSimple emails.

In case you experience issues in creating your account or accessing SmartSimple, please contact UICC at fellows@uicc.org

General conditions for UICC Fellowships

Fellowship visits

- UICC Fellowships are intended to support the development of human resources for cancer control in the home institution and country of the Fellow, and UICC Fellows are therefore expected to return to their home institutes/country at the end of the fellowship period stated in the countersigned Letter of Award.
- A change in the start date of a fellowship is permitted if the new start date falls within six months of the original date, and has been confirmed by both the home and host supervisors.
- The Fellowship cannot be undertaken concurrently with other UICC awards, or those funded by other agencies or organisations. They can, however, be extended after the original duration by a maximum of two months, subject to the written approval of home and host supervisors and at no additional cost to UICC.
- Should return of the Fellow to their home country be delayed past the maximum two-month extension permitted, the individual will not be permitted to reapply for a fellowship in future.
- Fellowships cannot be granted to candidates who are already physically present at the proposed host institute whilst their applications are under consideration i.e., the period between application submission and receipt of the countersigned Letter of Award by UICC.
- If a Fellowship is terminated prematurely or unexpectedly cancelled, UICC must be informed promptly, and the appropriate funds reimbursed.
- Fellowships will not be granted for attendance or participation in basic training courses, courses, lectures, meetings, workshops, conferences, congresses, etc. or for visiting institutes.
- Fellows are required to submit an end-of-project report within one month of the end of their fellowship visit, in addition to the completion of a post one-year online survey.
- If an application is rejected, the applicant must wait until the following year to apply again.
- Fellowships will be awarded subject to adequate funds being available.
- Awarded Fellows are expected to take all necessary precautions regarding their own safety and that of members of the host institution and should ensure in advance they can provide all necessary documentation needed to enter the host country.
- If a Fellow is refused entry for not meeting the host country regulations, or does not have the sufficient language level required to communicate with the host supervisor they must immediately return and reimburse the awarded funds to UICC.

Fellowship Awards

- Fellowship awards are based on estimates for travel and living costs, published fares and scales, and are intended to be a contribution towards international travel and living costs. They are not expected to cover salary or typical income levels.
- The awards are for travel from to/from host countries, but do not include internal travel within the home and/or host countries.
- Costs for visa, passports, airport taxes etc. are the responsibility of the Fellows. The awards do not cover medical care, insurance or taxes; none of which UICC or the fellowship partners are liable for. They also do not provide support for accompanying dependents.

End of project report

Within one month of the end of the project, a report describing the work undertaken and the results achieved must be submitted to UICC, preferably including high-resolution photos of the Fellow in the host institution with the host supervisor. This report must be approved and the performance during the fellowship evaluated by the host supervisor. Failure to submit an end of project report may result in the request for the return of funds and the home and host supervisors will be notified should this occur.

Please note that applicants may not apply for another UICC Fellowship until they have become members of the Association of UICC Fellows (AUF), and one year has passed since their previous fellowship is completed.

Post one-year survey

Approximately one year after completion of the fellowship and the return of the applicant to her/his home institute/hospital an online survey will be sent to the Fellow to complete to provide longer term feedback on the potential outcomes and impact of the fellowship.

Association of UICC Fellows (AUF)

Upon successful completion of a UICC Fellowship, i.e., submission of the endorsed end-of-project report, Fellows are invited to join the Association of UICC Fellows (AUF).
Life-time membership carries a subscription fee of USD 50 and members receive a fellowship certificate.
Only Members of AUF are eligible to submit a further application for a UICC Fellowship.
New members who work in low and middle income countries may benefit from a one-year complementary subscription to the UICC International Journal of Cancer, a generous offer made by its Publishers, Wiley & Son Inc., New York.

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