

# UICC Fellowships



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The Fellowship Programme plays a major role in **UICC's mission**. Alongside other capacity building offers, it aims to reduce the global cancer burden by facilitating the exchange of **knowledge, expertise and technical skills**. The programme also enables **networking and collaboration** across institutions and countries.

UICC fellows come from around the globe and work in all areas of cancer control. The fellowships allow them to visit world-renowned institutions in order to learn best practices and new skills.

## What type of fellowships are available?

Two types of fellowships are available of one- or three-month durations:

- **Technical Fellowships** and its equivalent in francophone Africa "**Bourses pour l'Afrique Francophone**". Funding contributes towards travel costs and living expenses during a one-month visit. These fellowships are open to candidates holding a Master's degree or medical equivalent. Applications can be submitted between **31 January and 31 December**.
- **Yamagiwa-Yoshida Memorial International (YY) Study Grants**: Funding contributes towards travel costs and living expenses during a three-month visit. Researchers who have at least two-years' experience post PhD can apply, and the call for applications opens once a year, typically in July.

## Which topics are eligible for the fellowships?



### Public Health

- Epidemiology and cancer registries
- Health education
- Health economics
- Cancer screening and prevention
- Pathology



### Research

- Implementation research
- Translational research into early detection, prognosis and therapeutics
- Clinical cancer research



### Clinical

- Observerships in cancer treatment: oncology, radiotherapy, surgery
- Patient support, survivorship, palliative care

## Where are the fellows situated?

In the last 50 years, UICC has awarded more than **4000 fellowships** to cancer professionals from over **140 countries**.

## What is the impact of the Fellowship Programme?

A recent survey of 119 fellows from 46 countries showed that:

92%

Consider fellowships a unique opportunity to foster international knowledge transfer

87%

Estimate their skills in cancer control had improved "a lot" or "a great deal"

85%

Upon their return home gave presentations, led workshops or personal demonstrations to inform others

97%

Are still in touch with their host supervisors one year after their fellowship visit

Several UICC fellows have engaged with the programme by becoming hosts themselves, further sharing knowledge and expertise, and supporting the development of international collaborations.

*"I am a strong advocate for sharing practices. We don't all need to go through trial and error or reinvent the wheel. However, it is important to adapt the knowledge acquired to the realities of our low resources settings for our skills to be useful."*

**Sokhna Ndiaye**

In terms of the wider national or regional impact of fellowships, fellows have initiated new cancer programmes and services upon their return home, in addition to enhancing existing national initiatives, such as population-based cancer registries.



**Ahmed Hefnawy**, a gynecologic oncologist from Egypt, went to South Africa for his fellowship and established a palliative care team and set up a palliative care service upon his return.



**Sokhna Ndiaye**, a psycho-oncologist from Senegal visited the US for her fellowship and subsequently became host supervisor to a fellow from Rwanda.



### Who to contact?

Visit our [website](#) for more information on how to apply and/or to support the programme or email us: [fellows@uicc.org](mailto:fellows@uicc.org)

### How can you get involved?

Many of UICC's partners recognise the great value of this programme and help make it a success. To get involved you may:

- **Strengthen:** Support the Fellowship Programme financially, thus enabling more individuals to benefit from it
- **Engage:** Offer to host and mentor a UICC fellow at your organisation
- **Benefit:** Become a "Fellowship Ambassador" and encourage your network to apply

### Fellowship Programme partners

