

2016 FAQs ON UICC FELLOWSHIPS

Do you have any questions about UICC Fellowships? Take a look at this FAQ to see if your question has been answered and if not, please contact the Fellowships team at UICC who will be happy to assist you: fellows@uicc.org

- **DO I NEED TO SUBMIT MY APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY?**
Yes, since our expert reviewers have requested an online review procedure. All application material (eg for ICRETT fellowships and YY study grants, signed host and home supervisor attestations, a signed host invitation letter and a bio-sketch (CV)) should all be uploaded in pdf format. Please go to the site below to apply online <https://proposalcentral.altum.com/default.asp>
- **WHEN DO I NEED TO SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?**
Applications for ICRETT fellowships are possible all year round, whereas YY study grants have 2 calls a year.
- **HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT NEW UICC FELLOWSHIPS AND STUDY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES?**
You can register to receive the Capacity Building Newsletter (<http://www.uicc.org/programmes/global-education-and-training-initiative-gei>), or join us on [Linkedin](#) to receive updates on new calls.
- **WHO CAN APPLY FOR A UICC FELLOWSHIP OR STUDY GRANT?**
ICRETT fellowships and YY study grants are open to candidates from all countries, whereas the **Chinese Fellowships** are only open to residents of China.
- **DO I QUALIFY FOR A UICC FELLOWSHIP?**
Eligibility criteria for all UICC fellowships require a basic University degree (usually a BSc or BA degree). **ICRETT** fellowship applicants need to have a Masters' degree or medical equivalent, whereas for **YY** study grants, applicants must hold a PhD for 2 years before the application closing date of the relevant call. Other requirements for all fellowships and study grants are that candidates must be on the staff payroll of their home organization or be an accredited volunteer of that organization. Those applicants attached to commercial entities or private companies are not eligible. Fellows must return to their home country at the end of the fellowship period.
- **ARE THERE ANY UICC FELLOWSHIPS FOR SURGEONS?**
Yes, if your project involves a clinical observership or surgical training, then the relevant UICC fellowship is **ICRETT**, which offers a one month stipend support plus travel. UICC offers no long-term surgical/clinical training fellowships.
- **DOES UICC OFFER SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCES, TRAINING COURSES OR MEETINGS?**
No. UICC does not provide support for attending training courses, meetings or conferences.
- **ARE THERE UICC FELLOWSHIPS AVAILABLE THAT WILL COVER MY SABBATICAL?**
No. There are no fellowships that cover a 12 months sabbatical.
- **HOW MUCH SHOULD I WRITE FOR THE DETAILED WORK PLAN OF MY APPLICATION?**
This section is critically important for the reviewers who are experts in the field, when making their funding recommendations, so please provide sufficient information on what you plan to do during your fellowship or study grant, one page of text is ideal.
- **I AM A PHD STUDENT, CAN I APPLY FOR AN ICRETT FELLOWSHIP?**
No. UICC does not accept applications from individuals who are currently pursuing their postgraduate training. **ICRETTs** are designed to provide a short training with the aim of transferring specific skills, and cannot be used to complement ongoing study courses such as a PhD.

- **CAN UICC HELP ME IDENTIFY A HOST INSTITUTE OR HOST SUPERVISOR?**
No. Identifying and obtaining an invitation from a suitable host supervisor is one of the selection criteria and therefore UICC does not suggest potential hosts.
- **IF THE PRICE OF MY FLIGHT TICKET INCREASES, WILL UICC COVER THE DIFFERENCE?**
No. UICC fellowships provide a contribution to the real cost and constitute a funding partnership between the home and host institute, UICC and yourself.
- **CAN UICC HELP ME WITH HOUSING DURING MY FELLOWSHIP?**
No. UICC is not able to assist with housing or travel arrangements.
- **CAN UICC HELP FELLOWS WITH THE VISA PROCEDURES?**
No. As is clearly stated in the letter of award, it is the candidate's responsibility to obtain any necessary visas, arrange travel, etc. UICC does not get involved in this process. If necessary, the candidate should contact his/her home/host supervisors for advice/assistance.
- **MAY I APPLY FOR AN INCREASE IN AWARDED FUNDS?**
No. UICC funds are fully committed at the time of the award and no additional funds can be made available. UICC fellowships and study grants are intended to provide a contribution towards the real cost and constitute a funding partnership between the home and host institute, UICC and yourself.
- **CAN THE DURATION OF AN ICRETT FELLOWSHIP BE EXTENDED?**
ICRETT fellowships and **YY** study grants are supported by UICC for durations of one and three months respectively, and are both extendable to a total of 3 months subject to the formal written approval of the home and host supervisors and at no additional cost to UICC. The home and host institute are expected to cover the additional stipend costs. After a maximum absence of 3 months, the fellow **MUST** return to their home institution.
- **WHEN WILL I KNOW THE OUTCOME OF MY APPLICATION?**
UICC generally requires around 60 days (two months) to reach a funding decision, starting from the date of application for **ICRETT** fellowships (the call is open all year round) or the call submission deadline for **YY** study grants (2 calls per year). This processing time includes an international peer review procedure.
- **CAN I APPLY FOR SEVERAL UICC FELLOWSHIPS AT THE SAME TIME?**
No, under the UICC fellowship conditions*, a candidate can only apply for one project at a time.
- **WHEN CAN I RE-APPLY FOR A UICC FELLOWSHIP?**
You are eligible to submit a new application after completion of your current fellowship and a further six months have elapsed after returning to your home institute/country. Membership of the **Association of UICC Fellows (AUF)** is also a pre-condition for further fellowship applications. You will be invited to join the Association by UICC upon receipt of your end of project report and host supervisor's report.
Applications that have undergone a review and selection process and were not approved for funding cannot be resubmitted to another UICC fellowship or study grant scheme. However, candidates are encouraged to submit new applications with a new project description.
- **DO I NEED TO RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION OF UICC FELLOWS (AUF)?**
If you have already paid the membership fee of USD 50, you are a life-long member of the association and no further membership fees are due. If you wish to make a (most welcome) donation to the **ICRETT** fellowship scheme, you can make an electronic bank transfer to our account from any country.
- **CAN I RECEIVE THE REVIEWERS' COMMENTS OR THEIR IDENTITIES?**
No. These details are confidential and cannot be divulged.

➤ **COULD I COME FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS TO YOUR INSTITUTION FOR TRAINING?**

UICC is a non-governmental organization working with our member organizations worldwide towards global cancer control. We are not a research institute and do not therefore employ medical staff. For job vacancies or information on internships, please visit the following site:

<http://www.uicc.org/employment>