



## **ESTS Research Scholarship**

### **Aim**

Young scientists and clinicians to visit a Host Unit in a (European) country other than the candidate's own or another institute at the candidates home, with the aim of learning or getting an insight into a research technique not available in the Home Unit. The Home Unit should benefit from the research training when the applicant returns, by leading to research developments and activities back onsite. It may offer the opportunity of additional clinical training. In selected cases the grant can be used for the development of a research technique at the home institution.

### **Grant amounts**

Scholarship 5.000 EUR<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> includes travelling expenses.

### **Eligibility criteria**

Postdoctoral candidate (M.D. in training for thoracic surgery) for 2-3 years

Upper age limit 40

Adequate skills in a language that permits effective communication at the Host Unit

Applicant must be member of ESTS

PI of host institution must be member of ESTS

On completion of the Fellowship applicant must return to Home Unit to directly apply the acquired skills; appropriate facilities, resources and funds at the Home Unit must be available

The program is open to both European and non-European based candidates to apply in a European based Unit.

### **Application process**

The applications will be reviewed by the Biology Club members (Gaetano Rocco and Isabelle Opitz) and the Director of Education and 3 candidates will be suggested to the Committee for Research and Education and the Council.

The applicant must submit a defined project to be presented during the Biology Club session (3 applicants) at the workshop taking place at the ESTS annual meeting. He/she should also submit his/her CV and bibliography. For the fellowships additional documents from the candidate's Unit and a supporting letter from the Host Unit are needed.

A statement of the candidate's Educational Supervisor should confirm that facilities, funds, and resources will be made possible upon the fellows return and the



application must already involve an agreement with the Host Institute where the fellowship will take place.

### **Selection process**

The candidate will be chosen by the members of the ESTS Committee for Research and Education (Tomasz Grodzki, Semih Halezeroglu, Toni Lerut, Laureano Molins and Walter Weder) and the Biology Club (Isabelle Opitz and Gaetano Rocco) and will be confirmed by the Council. The selection of candidates is based on the scientific value of the proposed work and the judgment of the quality of the Home and Host Institution. The benefit of the project to the candidate's career and Home Institution and the added value to research are assessed.

### **Reporting**

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

### **Applications**

Applications to be sent by Saturday 1 March 2014 to:

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