



## **ESTS Zurich Research Fellowship**

### **Aim**

A research fellowship is offered to young scientists and clinicians to visit the Division of Thoracic Surgery; University Hospital Zurich, Head Professor Dr. W. Weder, with the aim of learning or getting an insight into a research concept or 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.

### **Grant amounts**

30.000,- EUR

includes salary and project costs; travel expenses will be reimbursed (maximum 500 EUR)

Minimum duration 6 months, maximum 12 months - the financial grant is fixed.

### **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

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.

### **Application process**

The applications will be reviewed by the Biology Club members (Isabelle Opitz and Gaetano Rocco), Walter Weder and the Director of Education (Gilbert Massard) and 3 candidates will be selected to present at the Biology Club Session during ESTS Annual Meeting.

The applicant must submit a defined project along with his/her CV and bibliography. For the fellowships additional documents from the candidate's Unit and a supporting letter from the home Unit are needed. The research project submitted can be in the field of LVRS (clinical project), oncology (prevention of mesothelioma recurrence – experimental project; multimodality treatment – clinical and translational project) or tumor research in humanized mouse models or transplantation research (EVLP-



clinical/ experimental project, or mouse lung transplantation). Staff members will supervise the project in respect to their expertise.

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

### **Selection process**

The candidate will be chosen by the Biology Club (Isabelle Opitz and Gaetano Rocco), Gilbert Massard and Walter Weder based on the originality and feasibility of the project as well as on the presentation during the Biology Club Session. 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 Sunday 1 March 2015 to:

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