

# ESMO Fellowships: Where and how can I find the information I need?

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## Practical tips from a former fellow

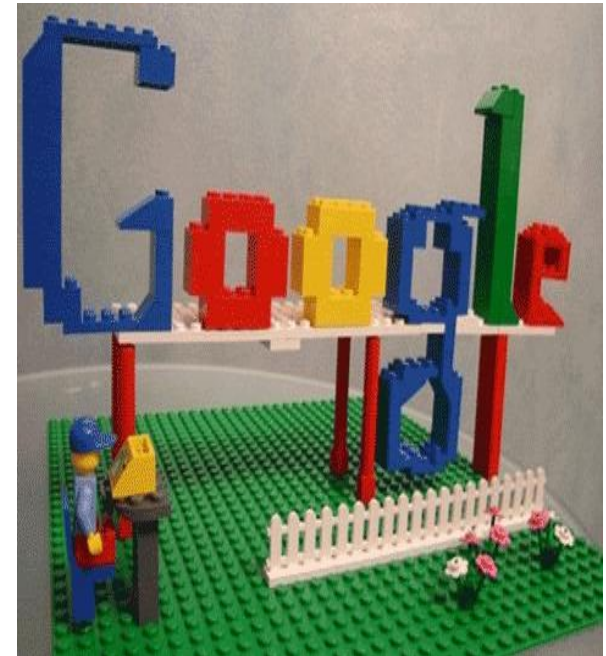
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# Tip 1: SEARCH!!!!

- Back in 2002 as a young intern in Internal Medicine...





# ESMO

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- Executive Committee
- Educational Committee
- Fellowship and Award Committee
- Young Medical Oncologists' (YMO) Committee



# ESMO-Junior membership

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- ✓ Open to young oncologists in training (medical, radiation and surgical oncologists)
- ✓ Age < 40 years
- ✓ Recommendation letter from a full ESMO member (sponsor)
- ✓ Annual Junior Membership: 25 Euros
- ✓ Free subscription to ESMO newsletter, Annals of Oncology
- ✓ Reduced registration fees for ESMO-affiliated events
- ✓ ESMO Masterclass
- ✓ ESMO Educational visits
- ✓ ESMO Fellowships



# Fellowship and Award program

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## ESMO Translational Research Unit or Clinical Research Unit Visit:

- 3-4 visits per year
- Weekly or monthly visit in a recognized ESMO-affiliated academical center in Europe with expertise in the field of translational or clinical research
- Involves acquaintance guided tour in the center, lectures and practical training
- Financial support: 1.000 Euros for weekly and 5.000 Euros for monthly visits

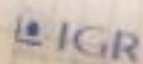
Tip 2: APPLY even if you have a poor CV...especially then!!!

1<sup>st</sup> ESMO Translational Research Unit (TRU) Visit:

- March 2002
- Institut Gustave Roussy, Paris, France
- 3 participants
- Focus on DNA microarrays







# PAVILLONS DE RECHERCHE



# IGR, March 2002, DNA microarrays





## Tip 3: IF YOUR APPLICATION IS REJECTED: RE-APPLY!!!

### 4<sup>th</sup> ESMO TRU Visit:

- May 2004
- Cancer Center  
Karolinska,  
Stockholm, Sweden
- 10 participants from  
8 countries
- Focus on  
immunobiology of  
cancer





# Education-Creation of a human network





# Today:

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- 3-4 per year, 30-40 participants
- Royal Marsden (London), Jules Bordet (Belgium), IGR (Paris), CCK (Stockholm), INT (Milan), Val d' Hebron (Barcelona), Cancer Centrum (Oslo)
- Many participants had the opportunity to return to their host institutes and get actively involved in academic research projects



# Fellowship and Award program

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## **ESMO ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP ON CLINICAL OR TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH**

- Twice per year, 3-6 fellowships every semester
- Duration: 1 year with possibility of prolongation for a second year
- 35.000 Euros per year available on a personal account of the fellowship recipient to help defray the costs of traveling and living in a foreign country



## ESMO ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP-REQUIREMENTS:

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- Age < 40 years
- ESMO/YMO member, preferably accredited
- Letter of acceptance from the host Institute along with detailed program of the planned research project
- Letter of approval of the training from the applicant's director in the home Institut
- 3 recommendation letters, motivation letter, CV



Tip 4: DON'T HESITATE TO APPLY FOR AN ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP: THIS IS A “WIN-WIN” RELATIONSHIP!!!

IGR, Translational Research fellowship 2005-2006



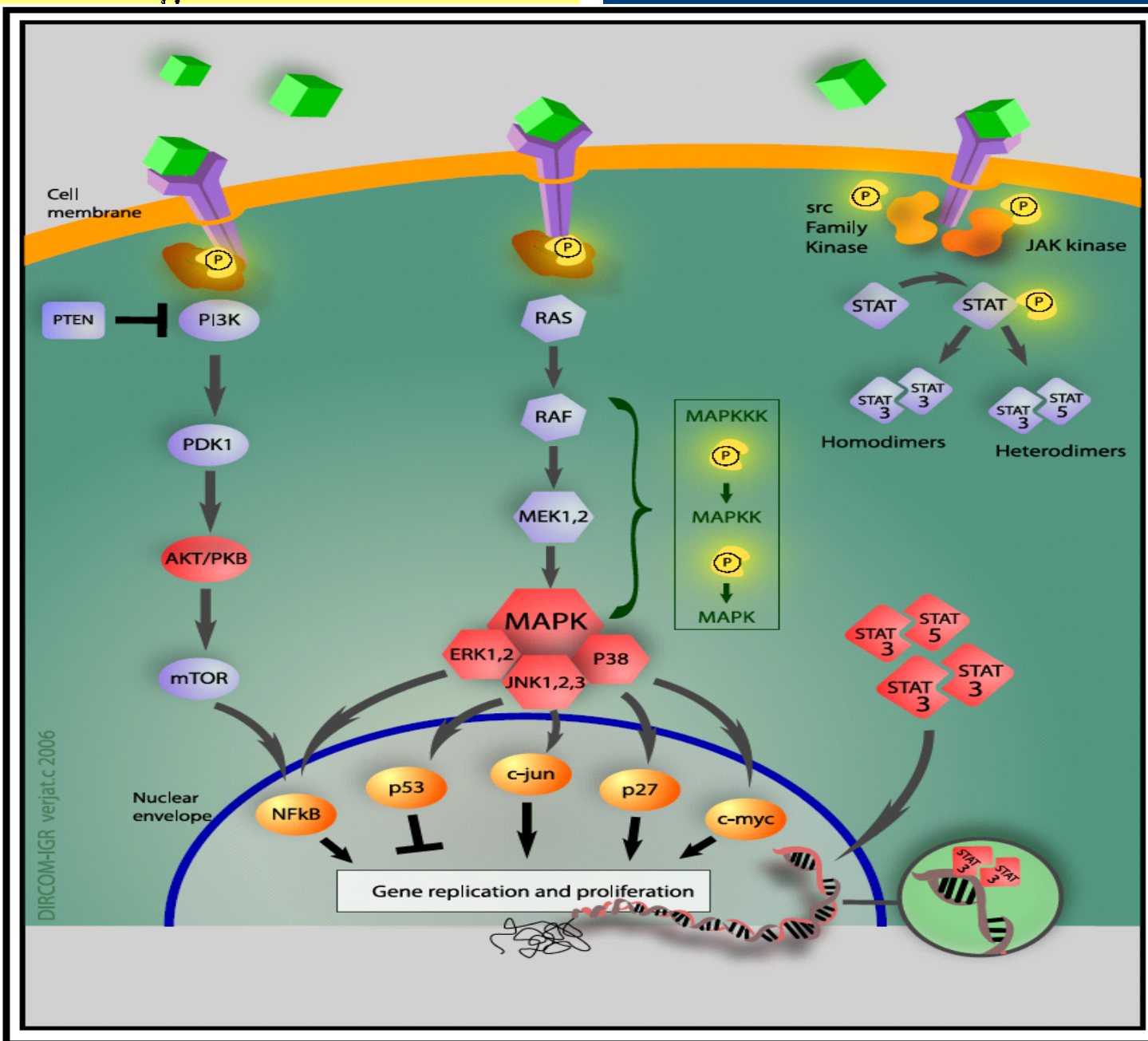






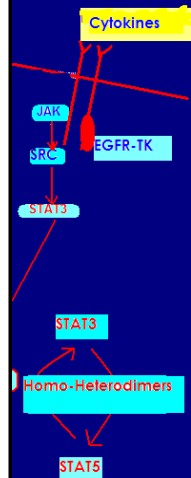
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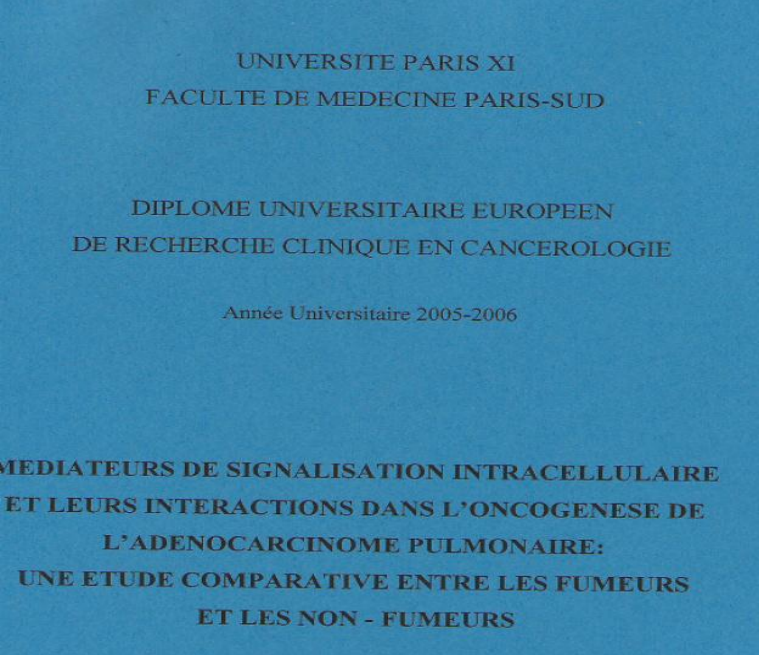


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Expression

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# Where can I find the information?

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- <http://www.esmo.org/career-grants/fellowship-corner.html>
- ESMO Newsletter
- ESMO booths in all ESMO –affiliated activities
- Available information in *Facebook*, *Tweeter*, informative Videos in *Youtube*



# General Tips

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- **Start** from zero, its OK
- **Search** for the grant or fellowship that fulfills best your career plan
- **Apply**: It's the only way!!!
- **Re-apply** in case of rejection after improving your CV (accreditations, ESMO activities)
- **Work** hard on your project: learn and offer
- **Create** a human and professional Network
- **Implement** what you have learned

