

The broad concept of educational fellowships:

**From a short observer visit in a clinical service to
long research fellowship in academic institutions**



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Overview

- ❖ What is an educational fellowship?
- ❖ Why an educational fellowship ?
- ❖ How to get the best from your educational fellowship

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❖ What is an educational fellowship?

- An educational opportunity
- usually oriented towards an extra-institutional experience
- Funded by
 - Global societies: ESMO, ASCO, AACR
 - Organ-oriented societies/groups: BIG, IASLC, etc
 - National bodies: SEOM, AIOM, SFC, etc
- With multiple potential formats



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The ESMO Fellowship Program provides unique research and educational opportunities to Medical Oncologists around the world. There are short-term educational visits for just a few days, clinical programs from six weeks to one year, and translational research for up to two years.

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IASLC Lung Cancer Fellowship Award - 2 Years
IASLC Young Investigators Award - 2 Years Du
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Award Opportunities

The ASCO Cancer Foundation Awards Program offers different types of award opportunities for oncology fellows, clinical practices, and international researchers.

ASCO Diversity in Oncology Initiative funded by Susan G. Komen for the Cure : The ASCO Diversity in Oncology Initiative, funded by Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, is designed to facilitate the recruitment and retention of individuals from populations underrepresented in medicine to cancer careers, with particular attention to the development of clinical practitioners and investigators.

Merit Award : Given to oncology fellows who are first authors on abstracts selected for presentation at an ASCO scientific meeting, including the Annual Meeting, the Breast Cancer Symposium, the Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium, and the Genitourinary Cancers Symposium

Clinical Trials Participation Award : Intended to increase awareness and participation in clinical trials

The ASCO Cancer Foundation helps to support both the national and international communities of clinicians and researchers.

AACR American Association for Cancer Research

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→ Bladder Cancer Research Grants

→ Landon Foundation-AACR INNOVATOR Grant for Personalized Cancer Medicine

→ Landon-AACR INNOVATOR Award for Cancer Prevention Research

→ Pancreatic Cancer Action Network-AACR Innovative Grants

→ Pancreatic Cancer Action Network-AACR Pathway to Leadership Grant

→ Career Development Awards

→ Landon-AACR INNOVATOR Award for International Collaboration

→ **Postdoctoral Fellowships**

→ Ellison Award

→ Fellows Grants

→ BCRF-AACR Grants

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Postdoctoral Fellowships

Applications are now closed.

AACR Postdoctoral Fellowships are open to Postdoctoral Fellows and Clinical Research Fellows who are working at an academic facility, teaching hospital, or research institution.

Fellowships support the salary and benefits of the Fellow, with partial funds (up to 25 percent of the total grant) permitted to be designated to direct research expenses.

Applications must be completed online using the proposalCENTRAL web site, with one paper copy submitted to the AACR office. Program Guidelines and Application Instructions are available below and on the proposalCENTRAL web site.

Closed Applications:

AACR-The ASCO Cancer Foundation Young Investigator Translational Cancer Research Award
One-year grant of \$50,000. One grant will be awarded this cycle. The Award is open to physicians (M.D., D.O., or international equivalent) or physicians holding a combined M.D./Ph.D.

Application Deadline: December 21, 2009, at 12:00 noon, Eastern Time

→ Program Guidelines and Application Instructions

AACR-AstraZeneca Fellowship for Translational Lung Cancer Research
Two-year grant of \$90,000. One Fellowship will be awarded this cycle.

Application Deadline: December 7, 2009, at 12:00 noon, Eastern Time

Recipients

2009 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Recipients

Recent Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Recipients

Educational Fellowships

Palliative Care Fellowship	An important facet of oncology: easing the physical and mental suffering of cancer patients. Fellows spend an intensive period of observation and/or research at one of the ESMO Designated Centers of Integrated Oncology and Palliative Care. More details...	3 months
Clinical Unit Visits	This 6 week fellowship offers young oncologists the opportunity to gain insight into clinical research at a leading European center of excellence. More details...	
Translational Research Unit Visit	Three-day visit to the Christie NHS Foundation Trust on the topic: Lost in Translation - how to find your way. More details...	3 days

Research Fellowships

Georges Mathé Translational Research Fellowship	Provides intuitive medical oncology researchers the opportunity to receive training in translational research in an European centre of excellence in medicine and therapeutic innovation in the field of oncology and cancer immunology. More details...	
Translational Research Fellowships	Comprehensive bench-to-bedside training in translational research. Fellows have the opportunity to learn about the latest developments in basic cancer research. European centres of excellence serve as host institutes providing the necessary support to develop specific high-quality translational research projects in oncology, and helps fellows gain valuable international experience. More details... Second year prolongation request: Click here to download the form	12 months
Clinical Research Fellowships	Provide young oncologists with valuable training in clinical research in renowned European cancer centers and support efforts to expand professional networks through collaboration with institutions of excellence. The fellowship provides the necessary support to develop clinical oncology research projects and the opportunity to further enhance professional skills and competencies in oncology. More details...	2 years

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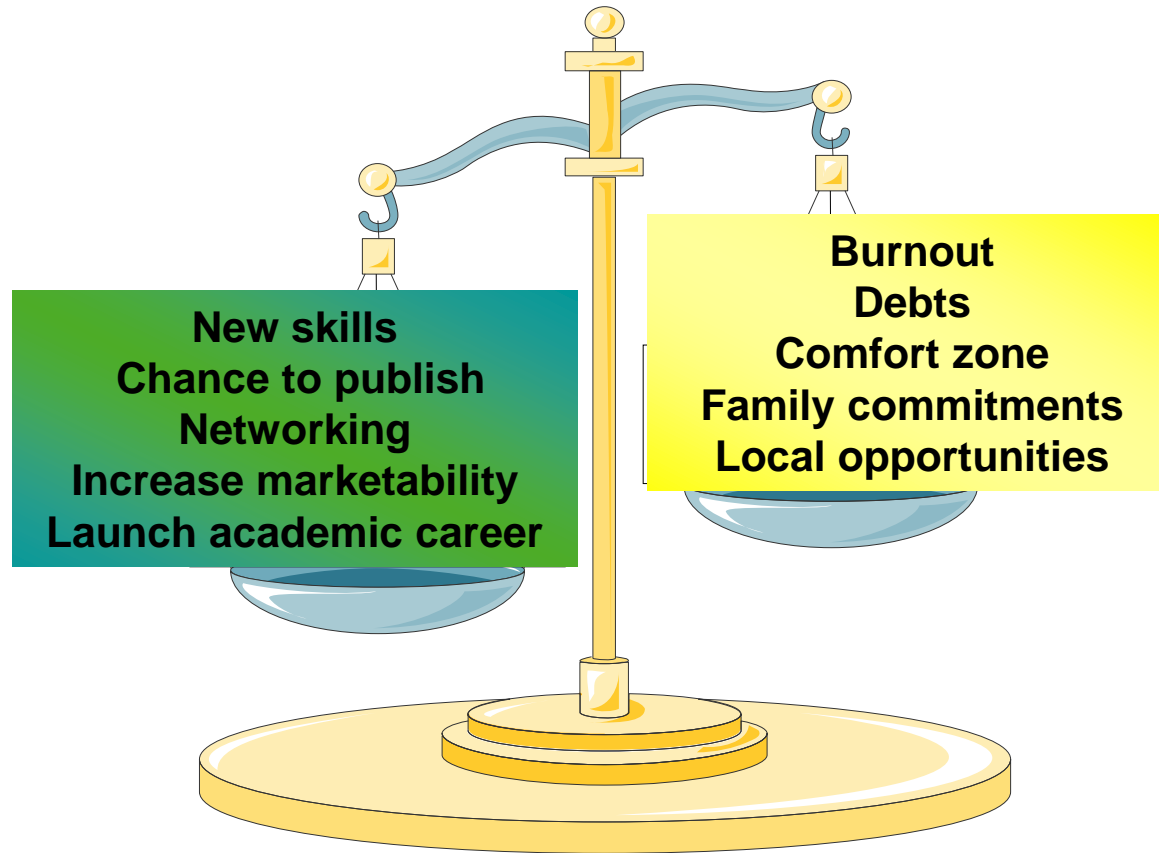
❖ Why an educational fellowship ?

- Multiple reasons but defining carefully your precise goal is key
 - If multiple objectives then rank them
 - Onco-tourism is a waste of your time and can even be detrimental to your career
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- You get to meet KOL, they will remember the best fellows but also the dilettantes !

Educational fellowship objectives

- ❖ Strengthen your expertise and knowledge on
 - Translational research (molecular biology, bioinformatics, etc)
 - Basic Science
 - Clinical trials
- ❖ Create a network
- ❖ Benchmark your Institution and practice with the best practice/organization in top-notch Cancer Centers
- ❖ Define your ambition and objectives for the next 5 years
- ❖ Find a new job/position

Weighing the balance



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Mentorship is key

“a dynamic reciprocal relationship environment between an advanced career incumbent (mentor) and a beginner (protégé), aimed at promoting the development of both”

Keyser et al Acad Med 2008



- ❖ Qualities of a good mentor
 - Expert
 - Interested
 - Committed
 - Selfless (when appropriate)



- ❖ Finding the right mentor
 - Speak to colleagues
 - Look at past publication record of mentorship
 - Contact prior fellows

Prepare optimally your fellowship

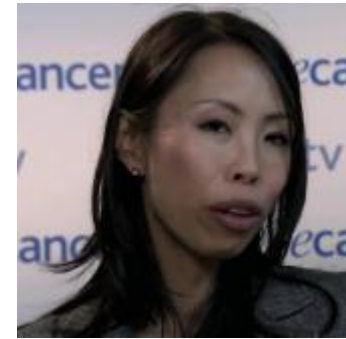
- ❖ Define your primary goal
- ❖ Speak to older colleagues and mentors about best Institutions
- ❖ Polish your curriculum vitae
- ❖ Write a statement of motivation
- ❖ Look for funding sources
 - National societies, ESMO, ASCO YIA/CDA, Susan G. Komen, etc
- ❖ START the process early (>1 year)

Be an outstanding fellow

- ❖ Define what projects you want to be involved in early on
 - own ideas & hypotheses
 - Identify **mentors** -- one person may not be able to meet all of your needs
- ❖ Accept criticism and learn from your mistakes
- ❖ Be enthusiastic, be patient, and be flexible
- ❖ Be proactive, volunteer and efficient
- ❖ Work hard – read, read, read, & write, write, write!
 - **One time in your life with no patient commitment!**
- ❖ ENJOY IT!

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