

2026 OPEN CALL OF THE CANCÉROPÔLE EST: « YOUNG RESEARCHER CROSSBORDER MOBILITY FELLOWSHIP »

The mobility of researchers is a source of acquisition of new techniques, new know-how, and promotes the emergence or strengthening of collaborative projects.

Cancéropôle Est grants mobility fellowships to young researchers wishing to train in laboratories located within the crossborder region. The goal of this fellowship is to help build new and innovative international projects and collaborations, or strengthen existing ones, through expertise and good practice exchange, technology development or use of an existing technology. These fellowships are directed toward young researchers from the French Eastern interregion as well as from the crossborder zone.

Criteria

- Candidate: non-statutory young researcher or doctor (PhD student, post-doctoral or clinical fellows), or statutory having joined a team for less than 5 years, the thesis must have been defended for less than 10 years,
- Developing a project in oncology.

French candidates:

- Must belong to a laboratory within the Cancéropôle Est interregion (Grand Est region and Bourgogne-Franche-Comté region),
- The host laboratory has to be located in the crossborder area (Belgium: Wallonia; Luxembourg; Germany: Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland and Baden-Württemberg; Switzerland: cantons of Vaud, Neuchâtel, Jura and Basel).

Foreign candidates:

- Must belong to a laboratory within the crossborder area,
- The host laboratory has to be located within the French Eastern interregion.

How to apply

The application must include:

- Motivation letter from the candidate and its CV,
- Summary of the candidate's project,
- Host laboratory and length of stay,
- Goals of the exchange: How and why the exchange will contribute to the development of the candidate's research project? What are the expected outcomes for the laboratory?
- Nature of expenses,
- Support letter from the candidate's research supervisor and the host laboratory.

All applications must be submitted by completing the online form available at escape.canceropole-est.org.

The Cancéropôle Est will decide to grant the fellowship according to the relevance of the project, its expected impact for the development of translational research on cancer and its potential benefits for the Eastern region.

Three sessions are scheduled each year for the examination of applications. For the year 2026, the selection will be made among the requests received by ~~January 15, 2026~~ **January 20, 2026**, **May 15, 2026**, and **September 15, 2026**. Completed application have to be submitted at least 2 months before the start of the project.

The results of the selection will be communicated individually within one month after the deadline for submitting applications.

Funding

The maximum allowance will be of 2500 euros, for transportation, housing (up to 100 euros/night), food (up to 40 euros/day). Reimbursement will be made after receipt of invoices.

Commitments:

- Within 2 months after the end of the exchange the recipient will provide a report of his/her activity to the Cancéropôle Est explaining the beneficial results of the exchange as well as a financial statement with invoices.
- The recipient should acknowledge the support of the Cancéropôle Est in any communication related to the work supported by this fellowship.
- The recipient is also strongly encouraged to present its work during the annual Forum of the Cancéropôle Est.

Rule of non-cumulative funding:

Applicants are required to report previous or ongoing requests to another funding agency for the same project (Marie-Curie or else...).

Contact

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