

2027 Research Bracco Fellowships GUIDELINES

1. Eligibility requirements for fellows:

Applications were accepted from young radiologists, residents in the last years of training or recently board-certified radiologists and other biomedical/radiologically related specialists.

Together with the ESOR curriculum vitae (CV) and a motivation letter, two recommendation letters from tutors and Head of Departments had to be submitted for a specific research project. The applicant must be Full member, Member in training or Corresponding member of ESR.

Each fellow was requested to choose at least one research project, among those published on the ESOR website. The applications were carefully evaluated by the ESOR Committee. The following aspects were taken into consideration:

- previous experience in the field of application
- possibility of the applicant to become a country luminary in the field
- the degree of motivation
- different letter(s) of support
- qualities of his/her CV

2. Communication (training centre, trainee, ESOR Office):

According to the data submitted, the evaluation committee did its utmost to come up to the trainee's expectations regarding the choice of the training centre. The details of each selected fellow will be announced to the respective centre, but it is the responsibility of the fellow to contact the training centre to define a starting date in accordance with the training center.

The training must start and should be completed in the first half of 2027. Please inform the ESOR Office (Mrs. Isabella Davicino: isabella.davicino@myesr.org) as soon as you can of your fellowship's starting and end date. ESOR solely acts as facilitator and coordinator between the training centre and the trainee.

3. Programme:

This programme launched in 2017 and devoted to the professional and scientific development of young radiologists was re-initiated in 2023 on the occasion of the 95th anniversary of Bracco, in furthering Bracco's unbroken commitment to support the radiological community at large. Bracco has committed to supporting young radiologists through this programme for a further three years, until at least 2028.

The goal of this programme is to develop skills in research and research methodology.

This fellowship should help the applicant to develop or set up a programme in his/her institution, therefore the applicant should learn to acquire data, to review images or procedures, to manage data, to search for biases, to collaborate with statisticians/clinicians/clinical scientists, to develop skills in tools and post-processing, to collaborate or write articles, to prepare oral/written presentations.

4. Duration of fellowship:

The fellowship is a three-month training and ends after this period. A prolongation on an official ESR/ESOR basis is not possible. If the respective training centre intends to employ the fellow as trainee or offer an additional fellowship, it is a decision absolutely besides the ESOR project. The training must start in the first half of 2027 and must be completed by **June 30th, 2027.**

5. Language:

Each fellow is expected to have proficient knowledge of the English language. The training has to be offered in English, except if the fellow speaks the language of the training centre.

In non-native English-speaking training centres teaching would be in English, while major radiological conferences and reporting may be in the local language. Some knowledge of the local language may be an advantage.

6. Financial issues:

Each fellow will receive a grant upon completion of the training, delivery of a final report (signed both by the fellow himself/herself and his/her tutor) and submission of original flight tickets and accommodation receipts. The grant (€3.500,-) is intended to contribute in part to travel and accommodation expenses during the training period. ESOR cannot guarantee that the grant will cover these costs in full. During the period of the training the fellow is responsible for covering his/her expenses and his/her own health insurance. The training itself is offered for free. Kindly note that in order to be eligible for the grant payment of € 3.500, — all final documents (final report, expenses receipts and grant form*) **MUST** be submitted immediately after the end of training.

** The Grant Form will be provided in due time by the ESOR Office*

7. Report:

Final report:

After completion of the training period each fellow is requested to submit a detailed final report, signed by the tutor and the fellow. Furthermore feedback may also be added by the tutor. The detailed final report should describe the theoretical and practical experiences gained throughout the training period. We would additionally welcome views as to what degree the expectations were fulfilled.

The following structure could be used:

- name:
- hospital in home country (name, city, country):
- topic:
- ESOR host centre (name, city, country):
- training period:
- head of department (first name, last name, e-mail address):
- tutor(s) (first name, last name, e-mail address):
- introduction:
- daily activities/schedule:
- publications/ abstract submissions to congresses:
- other activities:
- final comments (e.g. experience, benefits,...):
- acknowledgments (optional):

General report:

In addition to the final report, which has to be submitted as soon as the training is finished, fellows are requested to provide us with a general report.

The following structure could be used:

- name:
- hospital in home country (name, city, country):
- topic:
- ESOR host centre (name, city, country):
- a brief description of your experiences, benefits, etc. (approx. **100 words**)

Photo:

Furthermore each fellow is asked to send us a portrait photo meeting the following requirements:

File Format: **JPG**

Size: no less than **5x5 cm**

Resolution: **300 dpi**.

ESOR is publishing an annual report with all ESOR activities of the respective year. The general report and the photo will be printed in the ESOR Annual Report.

8. Submission to Eurorad as part of the Fellowship

Each scholar will be asked to submit a case report to Eurorad (www.eurorad.org) as part of the scholarship. Each submitted case undergoes a regular peer-review process, and every published case receives a DOI for future reference along with a Certificate of Publication. However, the cases are not PubMed indexed. Eurorad is not a Journal and does not have an impact factor. All fellows will be provided with more detailed information and guidance via email.

9. ESOR Bracco Fellowships – certificate of completion

Upon receipt of the final report by the fellow as outlined above, a certificate of attendance will be issued by ESR/ESOR.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ESOR Office in case of questions or requests.