General conditions for ICRETT fellowships

1. **UICC Fellowships**

All Fellowships are conditional on Fellows returning to the home institutes/country at the end of the fellowship period but are not granted for basic training, courses, lectures, meetings, conferences, congresses, etc. or for visiting institutes. They are granted subject to adequate funds being available.

Fellowships cannot be granted to candidates who are already physically present at the proposed host institute whilst their applications are under consideration.

The original Fellowships cannot be prolonged, or run concurrently with other awards, even those funded by other agencies. They can however, be extended after the original 1 month by a maximum of 2 months subject to the written approval of home and host supervisors and at no cost to UICC. Should return of the Fellow to their home country be delayed past these 3 months, 50 per cent of the travel award must be reimbursed to UICC.

These Fellowships may not be financially supplemented by agencies other than the home or host institutes, or the Fellows personally.

Fellowships that are terminated prematurely must be notified promptly to UICC and appropriate funds reimbursed.

The UICC requires an end-of-project report in English within 1 month of the end of the project. The reports of all members of the Association of UICC Fellows are available on line in the AUF Directory.

2. **Applications and all supporting documentation**

The completed application along with all documents must be submitted in English, are accepted at any time and are to be submitted by e-mail to fellows@uicc.org. All hand signed documents ie the 3rd page of the Application form, Letter of Release, Host Attestation and the Letter of Invitation may be scanned and also sent by email. If scanning is not possible, the hand signed documents may be sent by fax or mail.

Should sending the completed application form not be possible by email, fax or hardcopies are accepted.

Applications will be acknowledged promptly and candidates advised if items are missing both through email and hardcopies by mail.

Applications that have undergone a review and selection process and were not approved for funding cannot be resubmitted. Candidates are encouraged to submit new applications for new work projects.

3. **Candidate eligibility**

The candidate must possess the appropriate professional qualifications and experience according to the specifications of each fellowship described on the website and must currently be engaged in cancer research, clinical oncology practice, or cancer society work. To permit effective communication at the host institute, the candidate must have adequate fluency in a common language.

The candidate must also be on the staff payroll of a university, research laboratory or institute, hospital, oncology unit to where they will return at the end of a fellowship.

PhD applicants must be enrolled in a recognized PhD programme in their home country with guaranteed funding in place.

Candidates attached to commercial entities or have associations with the tobacco industry are not eligible.

Only one fellowship scheme can be applied to at a time.

Candidates who have already obtained a UICC fellowship in the past may apply for further UICC awards only if they are Members of the Association of UICC Fellows.
4. Selection

The competitive selection is made on the basis of scientific and expert evaluation of the application and the proposed work as set out by the candidate in the project description. Reviewers of the highest international standing in their respective fields carry out this task. Their assessments are strictly confidential and cannot be divulged outside of UICC and its fellowship selection committees, or to the candidates themselves. The reviewers’ decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

5. Awards

The awards are based on candidates’ estimates for travel and living costs, published fares and UICC scales but are only a contribution towards least expensive international travel and living costs. They are not intended to completely cover all travel or normal salary or income levels.

They are for the initial travel from home to host countries but do not include internal travel within the home and/or host countries.

Costs for visa, passports, airport taxes etc. are the responsibility of the Fellows. The awards do not cover medical care, insurances or taxes; none of which UICC or the Sponsors are liable for. They also do not provide support for accompanying dependents.

Stipends are limited to 1 month.

6. End of project report

Within one month of the end of the project, a report describing the work undertaken and the results achieved must be submitted to the UICC. This report must be approved and the performance during the fellowship evaluated by the host supervisor. Please use the end of project report template for the report and return by email. This will facilitate possible future publication.

Note that applicants may not apply for another Fellowship until such time that the completed end of project report has been received by the UICC.

7. Evaluation after 1 year report

Approximately 1 year after completion of the fellowship and the return of the applicant to her/his home institute/hospital and Evaluation after 1 year report form will be emailed. Please use the Evaluation after 1 year report template for the report and return by email.

Note that applicants may not apply for another Fellowship until such time that the completed end of Evaluation after 1 year report has been received by the UICC. Failure to comply with this condition may result in the request for the return of UICC funds. Your home and host supervisors will be notified should this occur.

8. Association of UICC Fellows

Upon successful completion of a UICC fellowship, i.e. submission of the endorsed end-of-project report to UICC, Fellows are invited to join the Association of UICC Fellows (AUF). Only Association Members are eligible to submit further applications for any UICC fellowship scheme. New members who work in developing countries or in Eastern Europe may benefit from a one-year complimentary subscription to the UICC International Journal of Cancer, a generous offer made by its Publishers, Wiley & Son Inc., New York. Life-time Membership carries a subscription fee of USD 50.

No distinction will be made among candidates on the basis of gender, ethnic origin, religious or political beliefs.

Any infringement of these conditions will result in the withdrawal of an application from the selection process or the cancellation of an award already made.