

ERA-EDTA YOUNG FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

LONG TERM FELLOWSHIPS (linked to the projects of the ERA-EDTA Committees/Bodies)

I. Purpose.

The purpose of the ERA-EDTA Young Long-Term Fellowships is to support basic and clinical research in the field of Nephrology in the [ERA-EDTA geographical area](#) (Europe, countries bordering Europe and the Mediterranean Sea), in particular to favor the growth of the young investigators living within the ERA-EDTA geographical area.

From 2019 on, to enhance integration of the ERA-EDTA activities, the ERA-EDTA Long Term Fellowships will be assigned to competitive research proposals by the ERA-EDTA Committees, with the aim to simultaneously finance the worthy ERA-EDTA Committee's projects and to favor young researchers' growth.

In this perspective, ERA-EDTA Committees are asked to propose to the SAB research projects they are pursuing or they intend to start.

The ERA-EDTA Council is in charge of deciding the amount dedicated to this programme.

Any exception to any of the rules of this programme must be evaluated by the Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary-Coordinator.

II. Selection of the projects and awarded fellowships.

1. First step: The SAB evaluates the projects submitted by the ERA-EDTA Committees and, further to the Council's approval, the best ones are posted in the appropriate section of the ERA-EDTA website: the young investigators submitting their candidature for an ERA-EDTA Long Term Fellowship will be asked to identify the project they would like to join and thus apply for it.
2. Second step: The SAB evaluates and scores the submitted applications: the best ones are selected by the Council and granted.

III. Deadline(s).

The deadline(s) are decided by the ERA-EDTA Council; once this is done, this will appear in the appropriate section of the ERA-EDTA website.

IV. How to apply.

Applications have to be submitted using a dedicated [Application Form](#).

V. Institution.

The institution/s where the fellowship will be performed is indicated in the application.

VI. Eligibility.

Only ERA-EDTA Full members who are 40 or younger at the time of submission can apply.

VII. Duration.

The length of the fellowship is indicated in the application.

VIII. Selection of the applicants.

The ERA-EDTA Young Fellowship Department does an administrative pre-screening and, based on approval by the SAB Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary-Coordinator, all applications with administrative fails are discarded and not submitted to SAB. Applicants of these discarded applications are immediately informed about rejection.

Each valid application must be evaluated by at least three SAB Members and must be scored independently.

Once the ERA-EDTA Young Fellowship Department receives the scores from the SAB Members, they are forwarded to the SAB Secretary-Coordinator for verification and then to the SAB Chair and Co-Chair to make a final decision on the ranking to be presented to the ERA-EDTA Council.

This final ranking is then sent to all SAB Members for their information.

After the approval/decision by the ERA-EDTA Council, the ERA-EDTA Young Fellowship Department informs all applicants about their own results (application acceptance/rejection).

IX. Criteria used for the selection.

1. Age of the applicant;
2. Prior expertise of the applicant;
3. How the project the applicant fits into his/her career;
4. Feasibility of the project by the applicant.

X. Start of the fellowship.

The fellowship should start according to the indications included in the application.

XI. Payment.

Long term Fellowships will have payments done every 3 months, starting 10 days prior to the arrival of the fellow in the host institute (the air ticket must be used to verify this date); however, 10% of the total amount due will only be given to the fellow after the "End of Fellowship report" form has been submitted and approved.

So that the 1st part of the fellowship grant can be paid, a letter from the Chief of the Host Institute and/or the ERA-EDTA committee/body Chair, confirming that all is on track, must be received by the ERA-EDTA Young Fellowship Department.

All following payments by ERA-EDTA are, however, subject to the regular receipt of "*Letter of Attendance*" signed by the Supervisor of the fellows.

The fellowship subsistence rates are based on the table below (the calculations are done on the basis of the EMBO -European Molecular Biology Organisation- rates): these flat fee figures are for a period of 12 months and should cover travel and living expense and any work-related taxes and insurances. For a shorter/longer period the amount must be calculated accordingly. Travelling days must not be included in the calculation of the total amount of the grant. These figures will be up-dated on a yearly basis.

With regard to any taxes and insurances, it is the responsibility of the Fellow to obtain information from the authorities of the receiving country and of the home country about any obligations related to this type of grant, to file the proper documents accordingly and to pay any dues that may be required. For no reason will ERA-EDTA be held liable for these matters.

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	1 YEAR
Austria	EUR	39,000
Belgium	EUR	40,000
Croatia	EUR	23,000
Czech Republic	EUR	24,000
Denmark	EUR	47,000
Finland	EUR	41,000
France	EUR	39,000
Germany	EUR	37,000
Greece	EUR	30,000
Hungary	EUR	24,000
Iceland	EUR	46,000
Ireland	EUR	39,000
Israel	EUR	45,000
Italy	EUR	35,000
Netherlands	EUR	39,000
Norway	EUR	45,000
Poland	EUR	23,000
Portugal	EUR	29,000
Slovenia	EUR	29,000
Spain	EUR	32,000
Sweden	EUR	37,000
Switzerland	EUR	61,000
Turkey	EUR	26,000
United Kingdom	EUR	33,000

(calculation made in August 2019)

For grants related to countries not listed above, the ERA-EDTA Young Fellowship Department will calculate the quote, based on the cost of living in the receiving country.

In the event of early termination of the Fellowship, the extra amounts already paid will have to be repaid back to ERA-EDTA.

ERA-EDTA will not give any other financial support apart from what is clearly mentioned above.

XII. Publications and visibility.

Every publication of work executed while in receipt of an ERA-EDTA Young Fellowship, as well as after the end of the Fellowship, provided that it is the results of work done during the fellowship, must acknowledge the help given by the ERA-EDTA and a reprint (preferably in electronic format) must be sent to the ERA-EDTA Young Fellowship Department for verification purposes.

Failure to give proper acknowledgment to ERA-EDTA in publications may result in not allowing the ERA-EDTA Committee/Body to propose future projects for this programme.

XIII. End of fellowship report.

At the end of the fellowship the fellows are asked to provide ERA-EDTA with a report of the activity done at the receiving institution. The report must be signed by the Supervisor.

So that the End of Fellowship Report can be approved, and thus the last amount of the fellowship paid, any eventual reprint of publications (preferably in electronic format) done during the fellowship could be asked to be submitted with the report itself.

The End Report Form may include diagrams, charts or illustrations to enhance the results, the template to be used is: http://www.era-edta.org/2019_01_04_SAB_LONG_end-of-fellowship-report.doc.

The report and the eventual publications must be sent, within one month after the end of the fellowship, to the ERA-EDTA Young Fellowship Department which will forward them to the SAB Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary-Coordinator for evaluation/approval/rejection.

Once the evaluation process has been concluded, all SAB members receive, for their information, the end reports (approved and rejected) from the Young Fellowship Department.

Upon approval of the end report, the fellow receives a certificate by way of acknowledgement. This document will include the dates and duration of the fellowship, the place, ERA-EDTA Young Fellowship number and title of the project; it will be signed by the SAB Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary-Coordinator.

Last approval by the ERA-EDTA Council done by email vote on February 13, 2019 (recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting held in London (U.K.), February 21-23, 2019).