

“FELLOWSHIP GIANNI BONADONNA”
Fondazione Gianni Bonadonna
International, Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship Program

Fondazione Gianni Bonadonna (FGB) announces the renewed research fellowship program abroad, in collaboration with the European School of Oncology (ESO).

OPENING OF THE CALL: June 10th, 2024

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: July 31st, 2024

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS: September 30th, 2024.

CRITERIA:

- Application to the “Fellowship Gianni Bonadonna” is open to applicants in the last 18 months of their specialty school in oncology or hematology in Italy.
- MDs who have been certified in oncology or hematology in Italy within 24 months before the application can also apply.
- Eligible applications for the “Fellowship Gianni Bonadonna” include proposals for basic or translational cancer research, as well as clinical research.

DURATION: Fellowships are awarded for a one-year period. Selected fellowships may be considered for an additional six-month award.

REVIEW PROCESS: Applications that meet the eligibility requirements will undergo a review process that guarantees an expert, fair and independent evaluation of their scientific merit and competitiveness. For the scientific evaluation, FGB relies on the expertise of selected reviewers.

Incomplete applications will be rejected. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all requirements are fulfilled, and all letters of recommendation are received by FGB by the stated deadlines.

Fellowship applications will be evaluated based on:

- Scientific merit and cancer relevance and innovation of the proposed research
- Credentials of the candidate
- Qualifications and experience of Mentor
- Qualifications of the proposed training Institution and of the research environment available to the candidate during the fellowship period
- Letters of recommendations.

FUNDING AND REPORTS: Fellowship funding of €70,000/year gross is meant to cover most living expenses of the awarded candidate (travel, health insurance, relocation etc.).

The funding does not cover indirect costs that may be required by the host institution. Specifically, no fringe benefits can be charged to the fellowship award.

The Fellowship funding cannot be cumulated with other forms of remuneration for the period in which it is provided.

The salary is paid to the host institution in the form of a restricted grant to reimburse the Fellow for living expenses during the award.

It will be used by the Hosting Institution to pay the fellow's salary monthly, in local currency, applying the local regulation in force for employment, contributions to social security and taxes. It is required by the Hosting Institution an expenditure report at the end of the grant period and at the end of the additional six-month period if approved.

The Hosting Institution will be contacted for a progress report on your research project half way through your fellowship period.

RENEWALS: a detailed scientific final report must be prepared and submitted at the end of the fellowship. Period. A renewal request can be submitted including a scientific report, no later than 2 months before the end of the first year of funding.

PUBLICATIONS: A PDF copy of all publications must be sent to FGB by e-mail. Final reports must also include a list of publications. All publications (including abstracts of presentations at scientific meetings) must carry the following acknowledgment: "*Supported by a Fondazione Gianni Bonadonna Fellowship, in collaboration with the European School of Oncology*".

FGB RECOGNITION: Host Institutions are required to acknowledge their "Fondazione Gianni Bonadonna Fellow(s)" on their websites and in all printed materials related to the award.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

- **Early Termination of Research Project.** Should the Fellow and/or Mentor consider discontinuing the project or leaving the designated institution, FGB/ESO must be notified immediately. Failure to comply with these requirements will jeopardize the possibility for future FGB/ESO support to the host institution. At the discretion of FGB/ESO, the stipend may be retracted (funds that had been received by the host institution up to that date must then be returned to FGB/ESO) or pro-rated, based upon the number of months completed and work performed during this period. When pro-rating is approved, the Fellow will be required to submit a report on his or her work during the months completed.
- **Transfers.** If a transfer is requested, letters from the Fellow requesting the transfer and the current and new mentor/host institution should be submitted to FGB/ESO at least two months before the transfer is to take place. The transfer request will be considered by FGB/ESO and must include: a letter from the current mentor stating the reason for and approval of the transfer; a letter from the new mentor/institution agreeing to supervise the fellow's project and describing the research environment.
- **Start of Fellowship Term.** Fellowship terms begin by End of 2024.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS:

- **Basic Science Fellowship:** experimental lab-based cancer research project aimed at understanding the biological mechanisms underpinning cancer.
- **Clinical Science Fellowship:** patient data-based cancer research project aimed at finding new and better ways to detect, diagnose, treat, and prevent cancer.
- **Mentor/Supervisor:** The senior researcher, clinician, or physician who agrees to act as the supervisor for the candidate's proposed project. The mentor is the primary representative of the host institution and is required to provide a description of the research environment and an overview of the relevance and importance of the proposed research project. It is the obligation of the mentor to direct the fellow's scientific development by providing guidance and training for the duration of the fellowship. The mentor agrees to act as FGB's contact person, unless another contact is named.
- **Host Institution:** The cancer center, laboratory, or other administrative entity that employs the mentor and where the fellowship candidate's work is to be performed. Host institutions are not reimbursed for administrative costs or laboratory fees in conjunction with the fellow's work. Fellowship funds are paid to the host institution in the form of a restricted grant, and FGB Fellows are reimbursed for their living expenses, as needed; host institution representatives prepare a report on expenditures for FGB at the end of the grant period. The host institution is responsible for securing the appropriate immigration forms.
- **Sponsor:** The senior professor, administrator or researcher in the institution where the fellowship candidate currently works/from which the candidate recently graduated. The mentor and the sponsor may be the same person, in cases where the sponsoring institution and host institution are the same; in this case, only one letter of recommendation from the sponsor/mentor is required. When the sponsoring institution and host institution are different, two letters of recommendation are required.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Letters sent directly to FGB from individuals recognized in the field of inquiry the candidate has proposed, and who are in a position to evaluate the candidate's qualifications and the relevance/importance of the proposed research project.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The completed application must be e-mailed by 11:59 pm CET on July 31st, 2024 to fellowshipFGB@fgb-inst.org.

All application documents must be submitted as ONE (1) PDF file, named in the following format: Last Name, First Name.

Documents need to be ordered in the same way as the list below.

The application should include the following documentation:

1. **Completed application form** (Part A, to be completed by the Candidate and Part B, to be completed by the Mentor).
2. **Letter from the candidate** describing how the proposed research and training period will affect his/her future career and line of independent research and stating the candidate's independent thinking (one-page maximum).
3. **Curriculum vitae**, including research and professional experience. List in chronological order positions held, professional experience, and citations of publications (in chronological order and with full bibliographic information, including titles, pages, publisher, etc.). Include a one-page version and an extended version.
4. **Research proposal**: please submit two versions of your proposal: a short version of 150 words or less and an extended version not to exceed two pages. Please note research projects should remain in the scope of a one-year fellowship and include specific details of the candidate's contribution to the proposed project.

The proposal should include:

- a. Summary (abstract) of the proposed research project, including specific aims and methodology.
- b. Statement outlining the potential significance of the proposed research project.
- c. The extended version may include references and a bibliography that will not count towards the 2-page limit.

Please note research projects should be consistent with the work of one person (fellow) and with the expected duration of the fellowship (one year) and include specific details of the candidate's contribution to the proposed project.

The proposal must be original and cannot contain copied texts, ideas and figures from other sources unless properly referenced.

5. **Copy of all academic transcripts**, for both undergraduate and graduate studies, with all courses and assigned grades. Transcripts in Italian are accepted.
6. **Copy of certificate of the highest degree obtained.**
7. **Proof of specialist training in oncology** or letter from hospital stating that the Fellow is attending last 18 months of specialty.
8. **Mentor's biosketch.**
9. **Letter of recommendation/acceptance from the Mentor on Institutional letterhead**, where is clearly stated the goals and anticipated project outcomes set for the candidate. Besides, the letter of acceptance should include:

- a. A brief description of the research environment (Lab space and Group composition);
 - b. Complementary training opportunities for the candidate;
 - c. Description of funding opportunities available to the candidate at the Institution;
 - d. Commitment to activate any insurance coverage, training courses etc. so that the candidate can use the institute's facilities in compliance with the regulations in force;
 - e. Ways candidate will be recognized as the “Fondazione Gianni Bonadonna Fellow” by the host institution during the fellowship period.
10. **Letter of recommendation/permission from the Sponsor.**
 11. **Any other additional letters of recommendation on institutional or business letterhead.**

FELLOWSHIP “GIANNI BONADONNA” APPLICATION

Please complete the following application with all supplementary materials and return by email in **ONE** PDF file named in the “Last Name, First Name” format to fellowshipFGB@fgb-inst.org by **11:59** pm CET on July 31st, 2024.

PART A – TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATE:

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
Name:	
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):	
Place of Birth:	
Citizenship:	
Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Permanent Home Address:	
Current Mailing Address (if different from above):	
How did you hear about this fellowship opportunity?:	

EDUCATION		
Institution	Degree/Field	Month/year

PROJECT TITLE	

HOST INSTITUTION	
Mentor's Name:	
Mentor's Title:	
Host Institution:	
Street Address:	
City and Zip code:	
Country:	
Telephone:	
Email Address:	

SPONSORING INSTITUTION	
Sponsor's Name:	
Sponsor's Title:	
Sponsoring Institution:	
Street Address:	
City and Zip code:	
Country:	
Telephone:	
Email Address:	

PART B - TO BE COMPLETED BY MENTOR / HOST INSTITUTION:

Candidate's Name:	
Mentor's Name:	
Name of Administrative Officer:	

Mentor's Signature

Date

Administrative Officer's Signature

Date