

CONDITIONS OF THE ADVANCED SPECIAL RADIOTHERAPY ONCOLOGY TECHNIQUES COURSE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

The Grupo IMO (Instituto Madrileño de Oncología) Foundation announces 10 Grants to attend advanced Radiotherapy Oncology courses in Grupo IMO centres during the academic year 2007 / 2008.

Applications will be accepted from the date of publication of this announcement until the 31 October 2007.

1. Objective

Grupo IMO is dedicated to three lines in the Spanish oncology field. Firstly, Grupo IMO makes a major innovative effort using highly specialized state-of-the-art technological resources which have demonstrated their efficacy in the treatment of cancer. Secondly, Grupo IMO focuses on the closeness and greater accessibility to radiotherapy treatment to the benefit of oncology patients and their quality of life through a network of specialized cancer treatment centres. And finally, but of no lesser importance, Grupo IMO proposes to develop training activities focusing on special irradiation techniques for therapeutic-oncological treatments.

The objective of the Grants is give doctors specializing in radiotherapy oncology increased access to latest generation resources by offering them the opportunity of involving themselves in Grupo IMO's network of centres to improve their knowledge, skills and outlook.

The recipients of the Grants will form part of a multidisciplinary team (radiotherapy oncologists, radiophysicists, linear accelerator technicians, nursing personnel and other medical specialities). Each *Fellow* will be assigned to a centre, with the possibility of rotating within the network. They will be under the guidance of a *Senior Tutor* who will be responsible for their year's stay, collaboration in sessions (case presentations) and scientific activities, participating in all patient care and scientific activities in each centre, including:

- Participation in consultations and follow-up.
- Participation in weekly interdisciplinary clinical sessions.
- Participation in scientific sessions.
- Participation in bibliographic sessions.

In addition, the recipients will participate in specialized therapeutic procedures using the following techniques:

- Conventional radical and palliative treatment techniques.
- 3D radiotherapy techniques.
- Intensity Modulated radiotherapy techniques (IMRT).
- Fractionated stereotactic radiotherapy techniques.
- Total body irradiation techniques (TBI).
- High-dose brachytherapy techniques and Y125 sources.
- Stereotactic radiosurgery techniques.
- Tomotherapy techniques.

2. Qualifications required

- Applicants must hold a degree in Medicine granted by a Spanish or foreign University, and which is officially validated by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science at the time of applying for the Grant.
- Applicants must be qualified Radiotherapy Specialists and must have initiated the process of official Spanish validation with the proper authorities.
- Applicants must demonstrate a good knowledge, both written and spoken, of the Spanish language.

The civil status of candidates will not affect their applications. The granting of Grants, both in financial value and travelling arrangements, are exclusively for the benefit of the recipient.

3. Duration

1 year with the possibility of renewing the grant for an additional year.

4. Grant financial value

The Grant includes the following concepts:

- The grant provides a monthly allowance of 1,500 Euros.
- During the period of the Grant, all the recipients will be covered by sickness and accident insurance that will be taken out by the Grupo IMO Foundation.

5. Documentation

Together with their application, candidates must provide:

- A photocopy of their National Identity Document or Passport accompanied by a recent passport sized photograph.
- A *Curriculum Vitae* which documents the applicants academic record and their personal data.
- A letter stating the candidate's professional short and medium term motivation and interests.
- Original certificate or a duly certified photocopy of the qualifications and certificates related to the aforementioned validation procedures.

Applications should be sent to the following fax number or e-mail address:

E-mail: info@fundaciongrupoimo.com

Fax: +34 91 413 4940

In the event of non-selection, applicants may collect all the documentation that they have provided within a period of 3 months following the publication of the names of the successful candidates.

After this time, those dossiers that remain unreclaimed may be destroyed.

6. Duties of the recipients

Once the grant is awarded, the recipients must:

- Notify the Grupo IMO Foundation of acceptance of the grant in writing.
- Comply with the requirements for entry and residence in Spain.

- Notify the Grupo IMO Foundation of their residential address immediately after arrival as well as to notify any and all subsequent changes of address.
- To begin the course on the agreed dates and to respect the internal working regulations of the Grupo IMO Foundation.
- In the event that any recipient fails to comply with the aforementioned duties or any other which derive from the terms of the grant, the Grupo IMO Foundation reserves the right to take whatever steps it deems appropriate, and will be able to require the recipient to return any and all payments previously received.

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