

## Call for ESCMID Observership



The ESCMID Observership programme provides funding for ESCMID members intending to visit an ESCMID Collaborative Centre in another country for one day to one month to learn good clinical and/or laboratory practice.

### Purpose

In order to facilitate international training and collaboration, we encourage our members to visit ESCMID Collaborative Centres (mainly departments of clinical microbiology and/or infectious diseases) in other countries for one day to one month under the auspices of ESCMID. The Observerships do not primarily focus on research activities but rather on good clinical and laboratory practice.

### Funding

ESCMID subsidises travel costs and subsistence for outside-of-country visits to a maximum of EUR 1'200 as follows:

- EUR 500 max. for travel expenses (air ticket, train ticket, car expenses at EUR 0.30 per km)
- EUR 50 per diem (up to a maximum of 10 days)
- EUR 200 max. for administrative expenses (if charged by the host institution).

ESCMID only supports applications that are submitted and accepted prior to the intended visit; and payment will be made after we receive proof of effectively incurred expenses. Every year, a certain amount is budgeted for a defined total number of Observerships.

### Eligibility criteria

The programme is open to ESCMID members only, and a member may only receive funding for one Observership per year. There are no age restrictions. Members working at Collaborative Centres will be given priority. Each application for support is subject to review and approval by ESCMID prior to the trip.

### Application procedure

Applicants must clarify all details of their planned stay with the ESCMID Collaborative Centre before applying for support. A list of all Collaborative Centre and the online application form are available on ESCMID's website. Applicants also need to submit the name and email of a contact person at the Centre. Applications can be submitted throughout the year and will be normally processed within two months.

### Report and Certificate

After the visit, the Observer has to complete the official evaluation form that includes a report for publication on the internet or in any ESCMID publication. Upon receipt of the report, ESCMID will provide a certificate of attendance without assessment of the Observer's skills.

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