



## **EHDN and MDS-ES joint Fellowship Programme in Huntington's Disease 2023**

In collaboration with the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society's European Section (MDS-ES) EHDN will be awarding **SIX clinical fellowship grants** of €1,800 plus travel expenses (up to 500€\*) for applicants to visit an **EHDN or MDS-ES centre with HD expertise in Europe**.

The objective is to provide fellows with experience in a variety of different aspects of HD, for instance and in particular, **clinical care**. The placement will be for a period of 6 weeks (5 days/wk) to visit as an observer. Priority will be given to applicants who are already engaged in clinical practice or research in HD and have a realistic prospect of remaining active in the HD field following completion of the programme. Priority will also be given to applicants coming from countries/regions where HD facilities or a specific aspect of HD care is not well developed.

### **TARGET GROUP**

- Neurologists
- Psychiatrists
- Psychologists
- Physiotherapists
- Clinical Geneticists

### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **The applicant must be:**

- Under the age of 40, or less than five years since the award of their final professional qualification.
- A Board-Certified Neurologist/Psychiatrist/Physiotherapist/Psychologist/Clinical Geneticist, or in training for Board Certification.
- Fluent in English or in the local language of the host country.

**Note:** *Awardees from previous years will not be eligible to re-apply.*

*\*If expected travel costs exceed the maximum reimbursement amount, applicants can submit their total expenditures for prior approval (in advance of incurring costs). Full coverage of travel costs can be granted in exceptional cases.*

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### **FINDING A HOST INSTITUTION:**

The applicant should make arrangements with a potential host institution with HD expertise and set up a hosting arrangement. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify that they are eligible to enter the chosen country in order to pursue the Fellowship, and to provide all necessary documentation to the host institution in order that honorary or observer contracts can be issued prior to the Fellowship. EHDN or MDS-ES cannot assist with visa applications. In the case of a positive evaluation, it is the responsibility of the candidate to arrange his/her travel and accommodation and to ensure good communication with the host and EHDN.

If the applicant has difficulty contacting a suitable host, they may ask EHDN Central Coordination ([fep@euro-hd.net](mailto:fep@euro-hd.net)) to initial help identify a suitable placement. This should normally be completed and in place so that all documents can be submitted before the deadline.

### **The Host Institution must:**

- Be in an EHDN or MDS-ES region in Europe
- Have a department or clinic (out-or-in patient) dedicated to HD, with opportunity for a fellow to observe a variety of HD patients in a 6-week period
- Be a centre with clinical and scientific competence in HD
- Have established an interdisciplinary team for HD care, i.e. Neurologist, Psychologist, Clinical genetics, Psychiatrist. One of the team needs to be assigned as supervisor to the fellow.
- Have access to co-therapeutic medical care services (physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietician, speech therapist)
- Agree a proposed placement with the applicant and indicate willingness to host the applicant by completing signature page of the application form.

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

The following documents must be submitted:

1. Completed application form
2. Curriculum vitae (maximum 3 pages)
3. Signed and dated recommendation from the Head Department of the home department
4. Acceptance from the Head of Department of the host institution, signed and dated (by Head of Department and Administrative Head)
5. Copy of applicant's passport
6. Copies of applicant's Professional degrees
7. Copy of applicant's Professional registration document

### Application Procedure

The application should be sent by email to: [fep@euro-hd.net](mailto:fep@euro-hd.net)

### Application Timeline

Applications for 2023 must be received no later than **Friday, 10 February 2023**.

The evaluation process will be completed and applicants can expect an official reply by the end of March 2023.

### Final Report

Fellowship grant recipients are expected to send a final report using the format provided to [fep@euro-hd.net](mailto:fep@euro-hd.net), no later than **two months** after completion of the Fellowship. Applicants will also be requested to send photos from the fellowship experience and may also be asked to participate in promotional activities for future programmes. e.g. provide information for newsletter, short video clip, etc.

A short report will also be requested from the host institution after the fellowship.

### Accommodation/Living Costs and Travel Reimbursement

Successfully placed applicants will receive an upfront payment of 1,800€ in order to support accommodation and living expenses for six weeks.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed up to 500€\* (economy travel). In order to receive the travel reimbursement, the following documents should be forwarded:

- final Fellowship report
- report from the host institution
- all original hardcopies of travel receipts (receipts that are issued per e-mail, such as flight tickets, can be sent as an e-mail or PDF. All other receipts, for example subway tickets or taxi receipts must be sent as original hardcopies)

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