

Information and instructions

EHDN and MDS-ES joint Fellowship Programme in Huntington's Disease 2024

In collaboration with the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society's European Section (MDS-ES) EHDN will be awarding **SIX clinical fellowship grants** of €2000 plus travel expenses (up to a max. of 1000€*) 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, within a multi-disciplinary clinic 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. The programme aims at improving HD care or specific aspects of HD care such as physiotherapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, multidisciplinary approach, genetic counselling, etc. supporting research collaborations mainly from Europe.

TARGET GROUP

- Neurologists
- Psychiatrists
- Psychologists
- Physiotherapists
- Clinical Geneticists
- Other HD clinical professionals

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 a preferred host country.

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



**Travel costs are based on economy travel. All travel expenses must be reconciled against original receipts.*

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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HOST INSTITUTION:

EHDN will assist fellows who were successfully evaluated with the initial matching of a host clinic. Fellows must provide information on the type of experience they wish to gain in HD and also if they have a preferred HD facility or country together with their reasons for this and their knowledge of the local language.

Final decision about the host clinic will be in consultation with EHDN/MDS.

The Host Institution will normally:

- Be in an EHDN or MDS-ES clinic
- 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 member of the team needs to be assigned as supervisor to the fellow.
- Have access to other HD medical care services (physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietician, speech therapist)

At the application stage, fellows do not need to make contact with a clinic. Your application will be evaluated based on the information provided in the application form.

Once a successful fellow has been informed of the result and introduced/given a contact for a clinic, it is then his/her responsibility to follow on directly with the host to set up the hosting arrangement. The agreed date of the placement (within 2024) should be sent to EHDN (fep@euro-hd.net) no later than the end of May. 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.

Accommodation/Living Costs and Travel Reimbursement

Successfully placed applicants will receive an upfront payment of 2,000 € in order to support accommodation and living expenses for six weeks.

To receive the accommodation and living funds, the following documents are requested:

- Fellowship Payment Modality and Photo Release form
- Confirmation letter of host institution
- Visa confirmation (in case a visa is needed)

Travel expenses to successful applicants will be reimbursed against original receipts up to a max. of 1000€* (economy travel). In order to receive the travel reimbursement, the following documents should be forwarded:

- final Fellowship report
- all original travel receipts (receipts can be sent as an e-mail or PDF if clearly legible)

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Application Procedure

The online application should be completed online and submitted by the deadline as below.

[Any questions arising before/during the application procedure should be emailed to fep@euro-hd.net](mailto:fep@euro-hd.net)

Application Timeline

Applications for 2024 must be submitted online no later than **Wednesday, 21 February 2024, 17.00 CET**. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted for evaluation. If there are any outstanding questions these should be solved before the application deadline.

The evaluation process will be completed and all applicants will be informed of the results 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, 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.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

The following documents must be submitted online as attachments to the online application form. Please ensure the documents are formatted as below.

1. Curriculum vitae (maximum 3 pages in one PDF document entitled Surname Firstname.CV)
2. Other accompanying documents as listed below in one additional PDF entitled Surname.firstname2 in the following order
 - I. Signed and dated recommendation from the Head Department of the home department (form on website)
 - II. Copy of applicant's passport
 - III. Copy of applicant's Professional degree(s)
 - IV. Copy of applicant's Professional registration document