

**CANSEARCH Study Abroad Award for a Clinician/Researcher
CAN MOVE Mobility Award**

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**« CANSUPPORT PEDIATRIC ONCO-HEMATOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPEMENT IN
SWITZERLAND
– CANCURE FOR KIDS”**

Preamble

Since its creation in 2011 in collaboration with the University Hospitals of Geneva (HUG) and the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva (UNIGE), the CANSEARCH Foundation has developed Geneva's first research platform in paediatric oncology and haematology. It currently employs over twenty researchers, laboratory technicians and students.

The platform focuses primarily on the following research areas: pharmacogenomics-individualised therapy, oncogenetics, liver tumours, stem cell transplantation and paediatric neuro-oncology. Additional activities include the a paediatric biobank project and a related study on complications encountered by some cancer survivors as well as various research projects at the Institute for Social and Preventive Medicine in Bern and in Canada.

As it celebrates its 10 year anniversary and the generous donors who have made this possible, the CANSEARCH Foundation has decided to further expand its support of research in the field of paediatric oncology and haematology by offering, for the first time two grants:

- A CANSEARCH Research Grant for researchers in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, in the field of paediatric oncology and haematology, in order to strengthen research in this field in this region (see separate document);
- A CANSEARCH Scholarship to enable a clinician or researcher to expand their horizon by studying outside of Switzerland (see description below).

The CANSEARCH Clinician/Researcher Study Abroad Award will be offered to physicians/researchers active in pediatric oncology or hematology in French-speaking Switzerland.

The following paragraphs define the terms and conditions of this fellowship.

Call for a CANSEARCH Scholarship for a Clinician/Researcher to study abroad (Call for proposals)

Type of award

- Support for clinical and/or research training in paediatric oncology or haematology to be carried out abroad, i.e. outside Switzerland

Objectives

To promote the training of clinicians and/or researchers in paediatric onco-haematology in French-speaking Switzerland.

Number of clinicians to be supported per year

The grant will be awarded every 2 years or according to the needs of the region.

Total amount of the grant

CHF 70,000 for a year for the first selection (amount varies according to the foundation's assets).

Use of the CANSEARCH grant

Amount to be used for:

- tuition fees at the university or institution where the clinician is training, if required;
- living expenses (accommodation, transport/travel, food, computer costs (IT),)
- research costs (consumables, participation in congresses or conferences, publications, etc.)
- in view of the possible difficulty of a researcher returning from a stay abroad in Switzerland to find a position or because of a prolonged stay, the mobility grant may also be used to finance this researcher in Geneva or in Switzerland, while waiting for a position to open up for him/her in our country or canton.

Periodicity of the grant

Initially every 2 years. Other frequencies may be determined by the Board of the CANSEARCH Foundation to reflect the evolution of the foundation's financial health.

Use of funds

Proof of use of the grant to be provided within one month of the clinician's return to Switzerland.

Special features

Priority will be given to training courses that can be used by the clinician and/or researcher in his/her practice upon his/her return to Switzerland.

How to submit a project

- 1) Submit the application to the General Secretariat of the Foundation. The latter will forward the complete dossier to the Scientific Committee of the CANSEARCH Foundation in order to evaluate the candidates and transmit its proposal to the Board of the CANSEARCH Foundation which will make the final validation.
- 2) The CANSEARCH Foundation will make the final decision to award the grant by the end of August of the same year at the latest and will inform the clinician(s)/researcher(s) of the acceptance or not.

Method of awarding the grant

By written confirmation (letter). At a ceremony during one of the CANSEARCH evenings with a souvenir trophy.

Conditions

- Applicant :

- A clinical doctor working in French-speaking Switzerland.
- A researcher working in French-speaking Switzerland.
- Areas of expertise: pediatrics, genetics, biomedicine, biostatistics, molecular biology, transplantation, cell therapy, immuno-oncology, etc.
- No age limit at the time of project submission
- Priority given to a person holding a position in Switzerland at the time of application
- A clinician or researcher also attached to the CANSEARCH research platform in paediatric oncology and haematology at the University of Geneva (the Platform) may apply
- Have a commitment to return to the French speaking part of Switzerland

- Language: English

- Typographical requirements: use the CANSEARCH typography

Documents and information to be submitted

- Letter of intent
- Purpose and description of the training abroad (as per CANSEARCH form)
- Detailed budget (as per CANSEARCH form), including other sources of funding already obtained and being applied for
- Written proof of acceptance from the university or institution where the applicant will be studying
- Full CV
- Summary of professional achievements and their impact on cancer control
- 2 letters of recommendation: 1 from the supervisor and 1 from another person familiar with the clinician's work
- Proof of commitment to French-speaking Switzerland upon return or submission of a career plan
- Final training report to be submitted within one month of return to Switzerland indicating the evaluations (or grades) obtained and/or the scientific results achieved

Selection criteria

Training at internationally recognised universities or institutions in the medical and scientific field of paediatric oncology and haematology.

Training directly relevant to the clinician's practice upon return to Switzerland.

Place of notification of the scholarship

Websites of all universities in French-speaking Switzerland teaching medicine and science, websites of French-speaking Swiss university hospitals (subject to the agreement of the UNIGE).

Deadline for submission of applications

1 March of the year of publication of this mobility grant, at midnight.

Deadline for decision on the application

31 August of the same year, in writing.

Start of the course

Within 12 months of the decision to award the grant.

Selection process

- 1) The Scientific Committee of the CANSEARCH Foundation will make a selection of candidates.
- 2) The Scientific Committee of the CANSEARCH Foundation proposes the selection to the Foundation Board for final decision by the end of August of the same year and informs the clinician(s)/researcher(s) of the acceptance or not.

Reporting requirements

- Annual scientific report on the training undertaken to be submitted to the CANSEARCH Foundation
- Financial report on the use of the funds to be submitted to the CANSEARCH Foundation
- Summary of the training attended for the general public in French or English
- Participation in photos or videos of the clinician for promotion on CANSEARCH distribution channels
- Mention of the CANSEARCH logo or "project supported by the CANSEARCH Foundation" on the clinician's communications and publications (press articles, presentations, etc.)
- Participation in CANSEARCH award ceremonies, if applicable

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