

## Clinical Visiting Fellowship 2025

### 1. Intention of the Programme

The programme provides an excellent opportunity for young clinicians to visit European centres of excellence. It allows them to establish new avenues for clinical and scientific collaboration, develop additional professional skills, and expand their knowledge. This is particularly valuable for clinicians from economically disadvantaged countries, offering them the chance to practice training methods that may be unavailable in their home centers and broaden their international professional network. Furthermore, the programme contributes to the personal development of young clinicians by empowering them to tackle new challenges, fostering confidence, and enhancing their overall preparedness for the future.

Participating centres gain numerous benefits, including:

- Inclusion in an esteemed UEG programme, earning pan-European endorsement in their respective fields of expertise.
- Access to an international pool of talented young physicians.
- Increased visibility through programme participation.
- Enhanced networking opportunities among mentors and awardees.

### 2. Basic Conditions

UEG will support up to 30 visiting fellowships which are to take place between January and December 2025. The recommended duration for visits is a minimum of two weeks, with a preference for longer periods (extension arrangements should be made directly with the hosting centre).

In addition to facilitating the exchange between centres and individuals, each participant will receive a grant of € 1,250 to cover travel expenses and a portion of living costs. Participating centers offer their involvement without charge and are kindly asked to assist in finding affordable accommodation for the candidate. Participants are encouraged to seek additional funding from their hospital, university, or [UEG \(National\) Member Society](#).

An additional bonus is the free registration for UEG Week for the participant upon the successful completion of the fellowship. This provides clinicians with an opportunity to reconnect with their mentors and strengthen professional connections. Participants are also encouraged to share their experiences and promote the programme among other Young GI Associates.

It is important to note that insurance, accommodation, visa arrangements, travel logistics, and leave of absence are the responsibility of the fellow. Additionally, UEG is not liable for the actions, activities, health, or safety of the fellows during the fellowship period.

### 3. Candidates

#### a) Application

Applicants for the programme must...

- be [myUEG Young GI Associates](#)<sup>1</sup>
- be clinicians in the field of digestive health
- be fluent in English at minimally a B2 level (cf. [CEFR guide](#))
- reside in Europe, in a country bordering the Mediterranean Sea, or from a country represented by a [UEG National Member Society](#)
- must be in the last two years of clinical training when the fellowships start. Candidates that have already finished their training are also eligible, so long as they are still within the age limit (maximum 40 years of age).

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<sup>1</sup> Main carers of children can apply for an extension of the age limit (2 years for one child and max. 4 years for two or more children) to become a Young GI Associate. To do so, submit a signed [confirmation of childcare responsibilities](#) to Kelly Brazdzionis (k.brazdzionis@ueg.eu)

Candidates are allowed to participate in the Clinical Visiting Fellowship only once. The host centre must be different from the home institution and ideally located in a different country.

To apply, candidates must submit:

- **Application form**, including:
  - personal contact details
  - top 3 preferred host centres
- **Curriculum Vitae**, including:
  - a max. of five most relevant peer reviewed publications
  - language skills, with specification of [CEFR](#) level for each language spoken
- **Motivation letter**, including:
  - specification of area of interest
  - expectations (detailing the specific experience sought and how it aligns with the individual career development)
  - explanation how the acquired information and knowledge will be used in the home institute and what obstacles the candidate faces in their career or current workplace
- **Letter of recommendation**, including:
  - signature from the head of the department
  - full contact information of the person recommending the candidate
  - the confirmation that the candidate is in training in gastroenterology, hepatology or digestive surgery
  - details on the candidates work experience
  - a confirmation that leave of absence is allowed

**NOTE: The CV, recommendation letter, and motivation letter must each be limited to one page. Applications exceeding this limit will be automatically rejected.**

#### ***b) Selection process***

Each candidate will be reviewed by the Young Talent Group according to the following criteria:

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| Extent and level of education.   | 0-4 points  |
| Motivation letter, clear and realistic aims (What you want to learn and take back to your home institution). | 0-8 points  |
| How the acquired information and knowledge will be used in the home institute.                               | 0-10 points |
| Overall quality of the application.  | 0-6 points  |

#### ***c) Final decision***

Preference will be given to the most qualified candidates, considering factors such as gender balance and regional representation during the final selection, and there is a commitment to supporting candidates from economically disadvantaged countries. Priority will be given to candidates with fewer participation experiences in fellowship programmes compared to their competitors.

Once selected, fellows are matched with their preferred centers based on their ranking in the review process. UEG recommends fellows to their chosen host centres. In the event that a host declines the suggested fellow, the fellow will be assigned to a different centre.

## **4. Centres**

Potential host centres register through an online form, where they are required to provide the following details:

- **Specialities for training:**  
Endoscopy, IBD, gastro-duodenal disorders, hepatology, GI oncology, pancreatobiliary, nutrition and small intestine, functional disorders, paediatrics, other

- **Details of the fellowship:**  
Tasks for the participant, extent of hands-on training, possible timing and duration of the visit
- **Minimum requirements for the candidate:**  
Minimum clinical experience, required language skills, other requirements

Only centers that meet the previously defined requirements (e.g. must be located in Europe, in a country bordering the Mediterranean Sea, or from a country represented by a UEG National Member Society) will be considered for selection.

## 5. Reporting

During their visit, participants are strongly encouraged to actively participate on social media, particularly on My Connect, by sharing photos and comments about their experience.

Within one month after the stay, the submission of the following reporting documents by the fellow is obligatory:

- Written report (½ A4 page)
- Completed feedback form (anonymous)

If the participant fails to submit the required report and feedback form, the grant will not be reclaimed; however, the participant will not be eligible to receive a complimentary UEG Week registration.