

Clinical Visiting Fellowships 2027

1. Intention

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.

2. Basic conditions

UEG will support up to 60 visiting fellowships which are to take place between January and December 2027. 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 centres 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 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 UEG Young 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 [UEG Young Associates](#)¹

¹ **Main caregivers of children can request an extension of the age limit** (2 years for one child and max. 4 years for two or more children) to become a UEG Young Associate. To request an extension, please complete the [age extension request form](#). **Please note that processing may take a few days, so submit your request well before the application deadline.**

- 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, or have finished their training within the last 2 years.

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. Candidates with no or little international fellowship experience will be prioritised.

To apply, candidates must submit:

- **Application form**, including:
 - personal contact details
 - top 3 preferred host centres, and why these centres suit the candidate
- **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; applicants are encouraged to keep these goals clear and feasible)
 - 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.

For tips on writing a great application, see our application guide [here](#), or watch a former Q&A session [here](#).

b. Selection process

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

Extent and level of education	0-3 points
Particular interest in the desired field and enthusiasm for learning	0-4 points
Level of impact for the candidate	0-9 points
How the acquired information and knowledge will be implemented in the home institute	0-4 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 centres 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. Japanese fellowships

In collaboration with JSGE, UEG supports 2 additional trainees in digestive health to attend a visiting fellowship in Japan in 2027. The grant amount for fellows visiting Japan is €2,000 to accommodate for the higher travel costs. Indicate your interest for this opportunity in the same application.

Due to the limited availability of fellowships for Japan (2 fellowships), these will be allocated to the 2 applicants with the highest review scores who have indicated "Yes" at this question.

The two fellows will be informed they have been chosen for this opportunity at the time when all applicants are informed of the decision on the application. At that stage, UEG will send these 2 fellows the list of potential host centres in Japan, from which they can choose which centre they would like to visit.

5. Reporting

During their visit, participants are strongly encouraged to actively participate on social media 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.