

PCE Early Career Investigator Short-term Scientific Stay Award

2025 Edition

THE ORGANISATION

The Pancreatic Cancer Europe (PCE) is a European multi-stakeholder platform, which aims at bringing together experts from all over Europe including academics, physicians, politicians, patient groups, and journalists with a common interest and willingness to improve care for patients with pancreatic cancer.

THE AWARD

PCE launches a call for a short-term scientific stay award to train one or more Early Career Investigators (ECI) on pancreatic cancer research.

The award pretends to consolidate existing networks of pancreatic cancer research, as well as to set up new partnerships and collaborations between high-level pancreatic cancer research institutions. It should also allow ECI to go to an institution or laboratory in another European country to learn a new technique or to take measurements using instruments and/or methods not available in their own institution or laboratory.

For the period of the award, PCE should be not considered as the employer and the grantee must make his or her own arrangements for all health, social, personal security and pension matters.

The scientific stay can **ONLY** be planned from a home institution in a European country to a host institution in another European country.

Candidates can apply for grant support for a research stay **from 1 to 3 months duration**. The stay should take place and end **before 31 December 2025**.

The applicant is responsible for obtaining the agreement of the host institution, before submitting his or her application.

The award is not intended to cover expenses for participation in scientific conferences or meetings; it is crucial that the scientific stay aims to boost the research training on pancreatic cancer. At the end of the scientific stay, the ECI should deliver a report containing the achievements of the supported project, to be published within the relevant PCE communication channels.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Interested candidates should send the application form as per Annex 1 of this call, with the requested attachments, in English, to contact@pancreaticcancereurope.eu **by Monday, 14 April 2025**.

The editable application form is downloadable at the following [LINK](#)

All applications received will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Candidates could be:
 - o ECIs with a completed PhD no more than 5 years ago
 - o PhD students researching Pancreatic Cancer.
- The applicant should be engaged in a program of research as a postgraduate student or postdoctoral fellow or be employed in an institution in a European country.
- The applicant should prove some research experience focusing on pancreatic cancer. His or her educational background, degrees and diplomas, professional experience, research work and publications will be valuable.
- The host institution shall be actively participating in pancreatic cancer research and should be internationally recognized for this activity. The agreement of the host institution will be a request to submit the application.

The evaluation process will follow soon after the deadline expiration and will be carried out by an independent committee appointed by the PCE Board of Directors. The results will be communicated **by Monday, 12 May 2025.**

THE GRANT

The grant is a fixed amount based on the applicant's budget request and the evaluation of the application, and **will not exceed EUR 5.000.**

The following expenses are considered eligible costs:

- Travel, with the cheapest fares;
- Daily allowance, as indicated in Annex 2 to this call;
- Visa expenses, if needed ;
- Other direct costs, if needed and fully justified in the application.

The beneficiary will be asked to provide proof of the travel and visa expenses.

An advanced payment of 90% of the total award budget will be paid upon signature of the agreement, while the balance payment will be done upon receiving the activities and financial report.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact contact@pancreaticcancereurope.eu; additional information about PCE available at www.pancreaticcancereurope.eu

Annex 1
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APPLICATION FORM

Please, **download** this form, fill it in and send it **not later than 14 April 2025**, along with the other required information and documents, to the following address:
contact@pancreaticcancereurope.eu

THE PROJECT TITLE

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APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Name	
Surname	
e-mail contact	
Telephone contact (please add country code)	

THE RESEARCH IDEA

The rationale

(max 1000 characters)

The objectives

(max 500 characters)

The work plan

(max 2000 characters)

The home research institute short description

(max 500 characters)

The host research institute short description

(max 500 characters)

THE TIMING

Starting date of the scientific stay	
Ending date of the scientific stay	

THE BUDGET (ALL COSTS IN EURO)

Type of cost (travel, daily allowance, others)	# of units	Unit cost	Total cost	Notes

(add rows if necessary)

TOTAL BUDGET	
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THE ANNEXES

Please complete your application providing the following documents:

1. CV, with key academic details;
2. Motivation letter (max 2 pages);
3. Letter of support from the home research institute;
4. Letter of agreement from the hosting research institute.

Annex 2 - Daily allowance rates

Country	Daily allowance (€)
Albania	185
Armenia	185
Austria	205
Belgium	236
Bosnia and Herzegovina	201
Bulgaria	196
Croatia	201
Cyprus	210
Czech Republic	196
Denmark	215
Estonia	197
Finland	213
France	201
Georgia	196
Germany	218
Greece	199
Hungary	196
Iceland	213
Ireland	217
Israel	201
Italy	207
Latvia	196
Lithuania	187
Luxembourg	211
Malta	199
Moldova	185
Montenegro	187
Netherlands	217
Norway	236
Poland	200
Portugal	201
Romania	192
Serbia	196
Slovakia	194
Slovenia	192
Spain	197
Sweden	236
Switzerland	215
North Macedonia	196
Türkiye	196
Ukraine	196
United Kingdom	236
Any other country	222