

## CRIS Out-back Fellowship Programme Eligibility Criteria

Only applications that meet the following requirements will be considered for the evaluation process:

### Background

Applications will be accepted from cancer researchers who **have completed a Doctorate** in the last 5 years, or those that can demonstrate **between 4 and 9 years of full-time equivalent experience** in cancer research prior to the year of the call for applications.

Fellows must **not have resided** or carried out their career **in the country of the outgoing phase host institution for more than 12 months in the 3 years** immediately before the programme's year of recruitment.

### Research Career:

The candidate must provide the information related to the **track record** and the **publications** of its field of research.

### Training and research plan:

Candidates must provide a **training plan** and a **synopsis** of the field of research that will be the focus of the main project of their stage. The project should demonstrate a high level of scientific and technical quality.

Candidates will have to fill in a **personalized career development plan self-assessment** that includes future career perspectives, training and skills that they want to acquire and possible secondments that they want to undergo.

Fellows will be encouraged to attend training sessions at their host institutions, partners conferences and networking events, and any other training in transferable skills.

### Primary Supervisors:

The candidate must propose a primary supervisor for the training and research project at both host institutions (for each **Outgoing/Return phase**) and provide information about his/her background along.

Primary supervisors might be the head of the research groups where to develop the training and research or a senior investigator at that research group with a commitment to support the training and development of the candidate's research activity in the research field and at the proposed institutions. Primary supervisors will be evaluated at the selection process and will score based on their track record and experience training and supervision of post-doctoral people.

### Hosting Institution:

The candidate must propose both host institutions (for each **Outgoing/Return phase**).

Candidates are free to choose the host institution and the research line or topic, but they have to be related to cancer research. A letter of acceptance is needed from both host institutions (return/outgoing phases) signed by a legally entitled person guaranteeing admission at the institution during the stage and the training at the research line defined in the project.

### **English Skills**

English Skills certificate, B2 proficiency in TOEFL or adequate proven English test.

### **Nationality**

**CRIS Out-back Fellowship Programme** is open to researchers of all nationalities.

### **Years of experience or years from PhD**

The maximum years after the doctorate/research experience can be extended in the event that any of the following situations is duly accredited:

- Maternity or Paternity leave with an applied extension of one year.
- Temporary disability during pregnancy for related reasons.
- Temporary disability due to other causes.
- Exemptions or reductions in the candidate's working hours due to family illness, dependency, violence, or in any other exceptional circumstances.
- Participation in compulsory military service.
- Refugees (as defined by the Geneva Convention): The time under refugee status will not be counted towards the research experience. They will benefit from a less restrictive mobility rule: the refugee procedure (i.e., before refugee status is confirmed) will not be counted as a period of residence/activity in the country of the outgoing host institution. The return host country is exempt from the mobility rule.

The extension that will be applied corresponds to the period justified by means of the appropriate documentation.

**Exclusion Criteria**

The following restrictions apply to the submission of applications:

- ➔ Candidates can only be the beneficiary of one CRIS Out-back Fellowship Programme.
- ➔ Members of the scientific evaluation board will not be able to apply for this programme, nor be primary supervisors of the candidates.
- ➔ Fellows must not have resided or carried out their work or activity in the country of the outgoing phase host organization for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the programme's year of recruitment.

**Keypoints of the Application Process:**



**Schedule:**

YEAR	2021				2022				2023				2024				2025				2026																						
NATURAL MONTH	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4					
Launch Event																																											
Open Call for applicants																																											
Selection Process																																											
Contract CRIS-awardee, Signature																																											
Outgoing Phase																																											
Return Phase																																											
Data Management Plan																																											
Set-up of training Plan and PCDP																																											
Training sessions																																											
Supervisory sessions (twice a year)																																											
Annual Mentoring Session																																											