

# Exchange Programme for Breast Imaging Fellowship

## The aim

Breast Imaging is at the heart of modern management of breast disease aiming at a clear-cut diagnosis as promptly as possible to discharge women with benign disease and make a non-operative diagnosis of cancer.

The rapid increase in the demand for imaging women with symptoms and for population screening implies that there is a need to sufficiently train further young radiologists in order to render confident diagnoses in breast imaging and intervention using all modalities. This has led the European Society of Radiology (ESR) and the European Society of Breast Imaging (EUSOBI) to take the initiative in establishing an exchange programme for fellowships or subspecialisation training in breast imaging.

It offers an opportunity of exchange to complement subspecialisation training in breast imaging or an existing structured fellowship programme, through exchange. During three months of training the trainee will be provided with intense modular training in breast imaging and will be supervised by a specialised tutor in a pre-selected, highly esteemed academic training centre in Europe.

The programme is aimed at residents in their last year of training and/or board-certified radiologists within the first three years after certification who desire to become radiologists with a subspecialist interest in breast imaging.

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## Number of available exchange programmes

During 2010 up to 2 programmes will be offered and organised through ESOR and the successful applicant will receive a grant jointly provided by ESR/ESOR and EUSOBI. The number of available grants may vary from year to year and will be announced on the website.

## Eligibility

1. These exchange programmes apply to residents in their last year of training in radiology and board-certified radiologists within the first 3 years after certification.
2. Core training in clinical radiology in line with national training schemes and in accordance with ESR syllabus. This should include core experience in breast imaging.
3. Applicants must be fluent in English.
4. ESR membership fees for the current year must be settled in advance.

## Duration of fellowship and funding

The training will start in the second half of the year and will last for 3 months. The successful applicant receives a grant in order to contribute to travel, accommodation and subsistence costs. The training is offered for free. The trainee is responsible for their own health insurance.

## Programme structure

Based on a weekly training programme, the trainees will familiarise themselves with all aspects of breast imaging and intervention by case-by-case hands-on teaching on routine clinical cases provided by an experienced staff. Trainees will design a personalised programme with their tutor to cover areas that will be most useful to their anticipated practice, ie referral-based imaging, screening, interventional or MRI. At the end of the training programme the trainee would be expected to have developed a sound knowledge in subspecialty breast disease on which further training and experience may be built-up.

## Certification

After successful completion of the three months training the trainee receives a certificate from ESR/ESOR and EUSOBI. In order to receive this, the applicant must present a written report about his/her work and activities during the programme.

## Application

To apply for the programme, applicants must

- Log in with their ESR membership ID number in the ESR MyUserArea at [www.myESR.org](http://www.myESR.org)
- Choose the subspecialty
- Select one preferred training centre and indicate a second choice
- Submit the following documents:
  - ◆ Current curriculum vitae (CV) including a summary of their training background, areas of particular strength and interest and a brief description of how they would hope to implement and apply their medical training
  - ◆ Letter of motivation
  - ◆ If applicable, a certificate verifying recent board certification in radiology

The application process and a list of training centres for the respective year will be announced at [www.myESR.org](http://www.myESR.org).

## Application deadline

The respective application deadline will be announced on the website. Applications received after the published date cannot be considered by the committee and all applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application in due course. If an application is not accepted, candidates have to apply again for future exchange programmes. There is no waiting list.

## Further information

Please visit [www.myESR.org/esor](http://www.myESR.org/esor) for up-to-date information.