

## GUIDELINES

### EADV Mohs fellowship by the PPRC

The European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) offers a specialised Mohs fellowship designed to provide comprehensive training in the Mohs micrographic surgery (MMS) technique for skin cancer removal.

One in every three cancer diagnoses is skin cancer, highlighting the crucial role of dermatologists in pioneering advanced treatment techniques. Among these, **Mohs Micrographic Surgery (MMS)**, also known as margin-controlled excision, is a highly specialised procedure designed to remove skin cancer with precision while preserving as much healthy skin tissue as possible.

While largely diffused in countries like the US and Australia, the availability of Mohs Micrographic Surgery in Europe is limited. The EADV aims to **expand the number of European Mohs surgeons** and offer the **best possible care for skin cancer patients**.

### Purpose of the Fellowship

The primary purpose of the EADV Mohs fellowship is to equip dermatologists with advanced skills in MMS, enabling them to effectively treat skin cancer patients. During the fellowship, participants engage in over a hundred supervised Mohs procedures, with opportunities to lead surgeries and perform complex reconstructions, including flaps and grafts. The program also includes experience with "slow Mohs" techniques for specific cases. By the end of the fellowship, awardees are expected to apply their acquired expertise by establishing new MMS units or enhancing existing ones **within European academic hospital-based dermatology departments**.

### Eligibility criteria in general

- The applicant must be an EADV Member.
- The applicant is a specialist dermatologist-venereologist based in Europe.
- The applicant's Medical degree and Board certification in dermatology (specialisation degree)\* must be issued by one of the following European countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lichtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom.
- An application form that will be submitted by the candidate.

*\*Residents are also eligible to apply if they submit a Trainee letter in English, which includes the start and expected end dates of their dermatology training. The letter must be an official letterhead, signed, and stamped by the head of the department or coordinator of your residency. Additionally, the residency must be finalised by December of the year in which the fellowship application deadline closes.*

*Note: specific eligibility criteria are listed by the hosting centers and available for consultation on the EADV website.*

### Tenure

The fellowship lasts for 6 calendar months and should start during the year after application submission (e.g. application submission in 2025, fellowship start during 2026). This is following a formal evaluation of the application process by the Project Proposal and Review Committee (PPRC).

A period shorter than 6 months will not be accepted. Any extension of funding is not intended. If for any reason the candidate must stop his/her training period, the refund of the fellowship may be required.

### Level of Support

The EADV Mohs Fellowship recipient will be supported by a maximum sum of max 18,000 Euros. The grant will be issued as follows. The first installment of 3,700 EUR will be transferred at the beginning of the Mohs Fellowship period upon receipt of the accommodation and travel payments and receipt of the statement from the hosting center confirming that the fellow is insured to conduct the training. The next installments of 2'500 EUR will be transferred monthly, and the last installment of 1,800 EUR (10% of total grant) will be issued upon receipt and approval of the Final Report.

## Application process

The application to be submitted electronically through the myEADV portal. All documentation requested shall be collected and submitted to the EADV by the applicant. All documentation must be in English.

It consists of five parts:

1. Candidate's profile and motivation statement
2. CV in English
3. Copy of Medical Degree and Board certification in dermatology (specialisation degree) or Trainee letter for residents\*
4. Recommendation letter and endorsement from head of department to start Mohs surgery
5. Letter of intention from the hospital or center where the Mohs surgery will be performed post-fellowship

*\* The letter must be an official letterhead, signed, and stamped by the head of the department or coordinator of your residency. Additionally, the residency must be finalised by December of the year in which the fellowship application deadline closes.*

## Fellowship centers

The Mohs fellowship programme may be held in one of the centers proposed by the EADV and available on the official EADV website.

Applications for an EADV Mohs fellowship programme are made on the understanding that the fellowship supervisor and the candidate agree to accept the regulations related to the programme.

## Conflict of Interest

The PPRC Chairperson and Members, as the reviewers of the Mohs fellowship, are not eligible to apply for Mohs fellowship - due to conflict of interest.

## Re-application

A candidate whose application has been rejected can re-apply once more for an EADV Mohs fellowship Programme in the following year. This new application will be evaluated on an equal basis with any other new applicants.

In the case a candidate must suspend their programme a reapplication for an alternate period could be considered if it is well-justified by the productivity of the candidate.

## Rules and Conditions

It will be a condition for any Fellowship recipient that he/she does not engage in private practice for personal gain during the period of the Fellowship Programme.

The Mohs fellowship programme is intended to be awarded for full-time training experience. Any involvement in clinical activities should be directly related to the study of dermatology and/or venereology.

The application form has been designed to make it clear that the responsible person in the hosting center is willing to receive the candidate and provide the necessary facilities.

Fellowship Programme recipients will be subject to the normal conditions of service of the Hosting centers so far as sick leave is concerned, but the EADV should be notified if a Fellow recipient is likely to be away through illness for more than one week.

If for any reason a Fellow must stop his/her training before completing 80% of the length of the programme, the refund of the remaining amount of the grant may be requested. In exceptional circumstances the EADV will evaluate the situation and decide whether to apply or not this rule.

Any substantial changes in the programme or change of Supervisor will require the EADV's notification and approval.

## Final Report

Fellowship recipients are required to submit (in English) a final report at the end of the fellowship period on the undertaken experience. The report must be sent to the PPRC (via the online porta MyEADV) within one month of completing the programme period signed by both, the candidate and the Fellowship Supervisor. Moreover, the fellow is encouraged to fill a logbook (Resources – [www.esms-mohs.eu](http://www.esms-mohs.eu)) with all the Mohs procedures where he/she took part during his/her Mohs fellowship. This to fulfill the criteria for ESMS certification: A minimum of 100 Mohs surgeries supervised by a ESMS Certified Member is required to receive the ESMS Mohs certification and become ESMS Certified Member (Become a member – [www.esms-mohs.eu](http://www.esms-mohs.eu)).