

Bursary support for residents of European countries without ECVP-registered residency training centres

ECVP recognizes the need to promote high level standard veterinary pathology education in Europe and more precisely to support establishment of ECVP-recognized training centres in European countries where those are not present. This bursary aims to encourage veterinarians who are pursuing a specialisation in veterinary pathology and are willing to develop a specialisation training in countries without ECVP training centres to obtain an ECVP Diploma, by giving them opportunity to be trained in an ECVP-registered training centre. The bursary will be reserved to those residents willing to possibly develop new ECVP-registered training centres in European countries with currently no registered centre.

Overview

This bursary scheme will financially support one resident, with a bursary of €10.000, for a training of 18 months in an ECVP-registered residency training centre.

The bursary shall cover the following expenses:

- General living expenses (accommodation and related expenses)
- Registration fee, travel and accommodation expenses to attend one Summer School
- Possibly, registration fee, travel and accommodation expenses to attend the ECVP certifying examination
- Other expenses made for training of the resident as per budget

Candidate requirements

Candidates will be considered for the bursaries provided they meet the following requirements:

- Hold a licence to practise veterinary medicine in Europe
- Permanently living at the time of application and pursuing a post-graduate training in veterinary pathology for at least 1 year (i.e. internship) in an European country without an ECVP-registered residency training centre
- Obtain an agreement of an ECVP-registered training centre to host the candidate for at least 18 months

Note: the candidates might be officially registered as a resident (i.e. alternative training programme, either planned individually or based on a modular credit system, if supervised on site by an ECVP Diplomate) or not officially registered as a resident and start the ECVP-approved training with the bursary.

Selection process

A proposal should be sent to the Applications Committee via the ECVP Office **no later than 31 December 2024** and should include the following:

- Candidate details:
 - Applicant's curriculum vitae

- Cover letter from the applicant explaining their drivers for applying for the bursary and their professional project in veterinary pathology indicating their will to open a training program in the original country.
- Training records to date:
 - Summary of the pathology post-graduate training to date that was pursued in their country (affiliation of the institution/place of training, case load, trainers/teachers involved). Candidates should also indicate if they are already registered as residents (in an alternative training programme) or wish to start a training programme. In the latter case it is important to be aware that the bursary will cover only 18 months and the expenses for the rest of the training will have to be covered by other sources.
 - Reference letters from 2 supervisors from their institution/place of post-graduate training
- Training plan for the 18 months, subject to bursary allocation:
 - Details of the training for the 18 months including details of the training centre where education is to be pursued, a training plan with a schedule and an estimation of the related budget
 - Agreement letter of the ECVP-registered residency training centre which will train the resident

A dedicated bursary committee of 3 ECVP members from countries and programmes unrelated to the candidates or the potential host institution, will be appointed by the ECVP Council; one member will be chosen among the Applications Committee members. The candidates will be selected based on:

- Permanently living in a country with no ECVP-registered residency training centre at the moment of the application
- Proposal and budget
- Reference letters
- Candidate interviews, if deemed appropriate by the bursary committee

Finances and report

- After selection of the successful bursary applicant that will be communicated by the end of March 2025, a bursary agreement will be signed between the ECVP, the applicant and the host training institution indicating a date of commencing of the training.
- Every 6 months for 3 rounds total, the amount of the bursary will be transferred to the candidate based on the presented receipts and a report of activities that should be sent to the Applications Committee. The candidate therefore will have to anticipate the expenses.
- If bursary is prematurely stopped, a financial detail will be provided as well as explanation of adequate reasons. The already transferred money won't have to be reimbursed to the ECVP, whereas the outstanding amount will not be received by the candidate.

Note: the scheme will be extended for an additional year if no candidate is identified within the given timeline.