
PKU Academy Fellowship Notice of Competition

The **PKU Academy** in collaboration with **Serono Symposia International Foundation (SSIF)** announces a public competition for the award of **1 (one) fellowship in the field of phenylketonuria (PKU)**, to be conferred on one young graduate in medicine, specialised or specialising in metabolic disorders, or to scientists or dietitians, with at least one year experience in the PKU field. The fellowship will be awarded to support the planned research projects and to broaden the experience he/she has already acquired and documented in the field of PKU.

PKU Academy

The PKU Academy was initiated by Serono Symposia International Foundation (SSIF) to address the full range of educational needs of healthcare professionals working in the field of PKU. The PKU Academy is directed toward specialists in pediatric and metabolic disorders, general practitioners, dietitians and other healthcare professionals involved in the management of PKU.

SSIF

Serono Symposia International Foundation (SSIF) is a non-profit global organization dedicated to Continuing Medical Education (CME) of scientists, physicians, dietitians, nurses, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals through state-of-the-art clinical and scientific activities designed to enhance patient care and improve healthcare outcomes. The mission of SSIF is to provide these medical education activities in Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceania, Central and South America, Canada, Mexico.

PKU Academy Fellowship Judging Committee Members

The PKU Academy Fellowship Judging Committee will assess the applications and select one candidate. The Fellowship Committee comprises 5 (five) members:

- The three PKU Academy Editorial Board Members (EBMs): Professor Nenad Blau (Switzerland), Doctor Anita MacDonald (UK) and Professor Francjan J van Spronsen (The Netherlands)
 - One member of the SSIF Scientific Committee, Dr. Robert Fischer (Germany) and the Secretary to the SSIF Board of Directors, Michèle Piraux (Italy).
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Rules of eligibility

All those fulfilling the following requirements and submitting a completed application by the closing date will be admitted to the competition:

- Physician/Scientist/Dietitian;
- Registered to the PKU Academy website and being completed at least 1 online course;
- University degree in medicine or in biochemistry/genetics or in psychology or higher education degree in dietetics/nutrition;
- Specialization in metabolic disorders and/or in dietetics/nutrition with at least one year of experience in the PKU field;
- 1-2 original publications in the PKU field or a degree thesis on PKU;
- Good level of spoken and written English.

Applications

The application form, as well as the information regarding the documentation to be attached to the same, is available on-line on the official PKU Academy web site (www.pkuacademy.org) or can be requested from the Organising Secretariat via e-mail at: fellowships@pkuacademy.org

The applications must be sent by e-mail to the Organising Secretariat **no later than 30 September 2013** at the following e-mail address: fellowships@pkuacademy.org

Applicants must include in their application the following documents:

- The completed and signed “Application form” as a word/pdf file
 - The “Hosting Center Proposal – Letter of commitment” completed and signed by the Director of the proposed hosting department where the research project will be conducted
 - The degree certificate: a copy of the degree certificate (pdf file)
 - The Curriculum vitae (CV) or resumé showing the clinical and scientific experiences and the list of *in extenso* publications.
 - A description of the research proposal project indicating:
 - The aim of the research
 - Current status of the research in this field (own and by other groups)
 - A research plan including materials and methods
 - A timeline for the project completion
 - A detailed budget (in Euros), including travel expenses
 - The photocopy of a valid identity document.
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Criteria for the assessment of the eligible applications

The applications presented by the candidates will be selected by assigning a maximum of 100 points, constituted as follows:

- A maximum of 40 points for **specialisation, qualifications and studies previously published**.
- A maximum of 60 points for the quality of **research project proposal**, which must be drafted in English and will be assessed according to the following criteria:
 - Feasibility (including time needed for its realization)
 - Originality

The assessment of the candidates will take into account the aim of guaranteeing equal opportunities for access to the project to both genders.

The fellowship winner will be informed by the Organizing Secretariat by 31 October 2013 and his/her name will be officially announced with an online communication on the PKU Academy web site.

Nature and duration of the Fellowship

The value of the fellowship is **€ 24.000**, less any applicable tax deductions, and its duration is **24 months**, full time, **starting 1 January 2014**.

The fellowship must be used **by 31 December 2015** regardless of any event occurred and is non-renewable.

The monetary value of the fellowship will be disbursed through the **attendance of practice weeks in the proposed centre specialized in one of the following topics in PKU:**

- 1. Clinical management, including neuro-psychological studies**
- 2. Biochemistry and genetics**
- 3. Dietary management and psychological approach**

The final program and calendar of the fellowship research will be defined by the winner in agreement with the PKU Academy Fellowship Committee Members and SSIF.

Before the fellowship's ending date (August 30th 2015), the winner must submit a **detailed signed final report on the conclusive research results at the end of the fellowship** by sending it to the PKU Academy Organising Secretariat. The results of the research project will be examined by the PKU Academy Fellowship Committee, which will assess the opportunity of presenting them at the following EPG Annual Symposium.

There may be also an opportunity to present a preliminary report at the end of the first year of the study, as *per* PKU Academy Fellowship Committee evaluation.

By receiving this fellowship, the fellow recognizes that this does not create any obligations or responsibilities from SSIF to the fellow and that the only commitment from SSIF is to disburse the monetary value of the fellowship according to the content of this notice of competition.

Organising Secretariat:

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PKU Academy Fellowship Application Form



Please, complete the application form below and send it by e-mail together with the needed documents as word/pdf files to: fellowships@pkuacademy.org

The application forms and the related documents must be received by the Organising Secretariat no later than 30 September 2013

PERSONAL DATA:

Surname.....

Name.....

Address.....

City..... ZIP..... Country.....

Phone..... Fax.....

E-mail.....

Date of birth.....

Personal Data Treatment - Informative Document

In compliance with the article 13 of Italian Legislative Decree n. 196, 30 June 2003, we inform you that your personal data will be processed, with or without the use of electronic or automated means, via suitable tools that will guarantee security and confidentiality. Personal data you supplied will be communicated to Continuing Medical Education Accreditation Authorities, to agencies that will take care of the whole accreditation process and agencies that will take care of the logistics of the event; should we not receive the below requested data, we will not be able to process your registration to the event.

At anytime you may exercise your rights as laid down in the art. 7 of Italian Legislative Decree n. 196, 30 June 2003 of the Italian Law, by contacting the *Data Controller* **Serono Symposia International Foundation** (Salita San Nicola da Tolentino, 1/b - 00187 Rome, Italy) in the person of *Data Processor*, **Michèle Piraux**.



PKU Academy Fellowship Hosting centre proposal - Letter of commitment



Please, fill in the following letter of commitment and send it by e-mail together with the needed documents as word/pdf files to: fellowships@pkuacademy.org

The letter of commitment and the related documents must be received by the Organising Secretariat no later than 30 September 2013.

In quality of Director of Department (Department name) within the (Institution – Address – City – ZIP - Country), I confirm the commitment of the Institution I represent in hosting Dr (name and surname) born in (place of birth), on (date of birth) to let him/her develop the research proposal project presented in the attached 2013 PKU Academy Fellowship application. Moreover I subscribe the Institution entire commitment in assuring:

- *Its availability in hosting the winner during the whole fellowship period (24 months)*
- *Free access for the winner to the Institution resources in order to develop his/her research project as specified in the research proposal project presented in the attached 2013 PKU Academy Fellowship application*
- *The independency of the winner in managing the whole amount of the fellowship price*

(Date – Signature)

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