



## Frequently Asked Questions about ESGE Fellowships Grants

What are the chances of being assigned to my preferred unit?	Your preferred choice of units will be considered. However, only one grantee is accepted per unit, and the applicant's and the unit's time schedule must be coordinated. Therefore, you may be assigned to a unit that was not on your preferred list.
Will I be allowed hands-on training?	Not for Module 1. Module 2 offers hands-on training.
Can I change units during my stay?	No. You will be assigned to one unit for the duration of your stay. However, visiting more than one department within the hospital is encouraged and often helpful.
Can I postpone my training?	The training should take place the year following the application. Exceptions may occur due to extenuating circumstances such as pregnancy, illness, accident.
How and when will I receive the grant?	The grant will be transferred directly to your bank account before the training is taking place. You will be required to supply your full bank details, including bank address, IBAN and SWIFT. If your bank does not support SEPA transactions, the resulting bank charges will be split equally between the ESGE's and your account.
Does the ESGE support me in visa application proceedings?	It is the responsibility of the grantee to apply for a visa where necessary. The ESGE and the host unit will provide invitation letters and any documentation necessary. Please contact the ESGE Secretariat and keep in mind that visa procedures often need to be started three months in advance of the travel date.
Are meals provided by the hospital?	Some hospitals offer breakfasts and lunches in the hospital cafeterias at a student rate.
How can I find accommodation?	Some host units provide accommodation at the hospital or have agreements with vicinities nearby. If so, the ESGE secretariat will inform you when your unit is assigned. If accommodation is not provided by the host unit, the grantees will need to make their own arrangements. The ESGE secretariat may be able to provide useful links on request.
Is there an average cost for accommodation?	No, there is a large difference in accommodation and living costs from city to city. Examples of more expensive cities are Copenhagen, Brussels, Lyon, London, Leeds, Amsterdam and Düsseldorf. Other cities have proven less costly. This is sometimes due to accommodation facilitated by the unit (e.g. Linz, Rome, Győr, Oslo, Hyderabad and Katowice). You may want to take this into consideration when preselecting the host units in your application.
Will the grant be sufficient to cover my costs?	The grant should cover the costs for accommodation and travel in most cases. However, each case is unique and we recommend that you make your travel and accommodation arrangements as early as possible in order to minimize costs.