

EURO-CHOLANGIO-NET COST Action CA18122

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

TRAINEES to Participate in the Basic and Translation Training School "Novel Experimental CCA Models: from Ex-vivo Patient-Derived Organoids to In-vivo Animal Models"
The University of Glasgow • Beatson Institute for Cancer Research, Glasgow, UK
18-20 March 2020

About the training school:

EURO-CHOLANGIO-NET (European Cholangiocarcinoma Network) is actively seeking trainees interested in attending our training school "Novel Experimental CCA models: from Ex-vivo Patient-Derived Organoids to In-vivo Animal Models" to be held in Glasgow on 18-20 March 2020.

Learning objectives of this training school include:

- ❖ Identification of key areas where novel models can help move cholangiocarcinoma research forward;
- ❖ Learning protocols for the development of tumour-derived organoids;
- ❖ Identification of challenges in the definition of the pathway to obtain fresh tissue from patients and identification of potential solutions to be implemented;
- ❖ Learning theoretical skills for the development of co-cultures and the study of cell-to-cell interaction within 3D models;
- ❖ Learning about the suitability of novel cholangiocarcinoma animal models to answer different research questions;
- ❖ Review of technical guidelines to follow in case of animal experiments.

Successful applicants will receive a grant to be applied towards reimbursement of their overall travel, accommodation, and meal expenses.

What we are looking for:

We are seeking trainees interested in attending our training school and actively participating in our Action. Applicants must be engaged in an official research programme as a PhD student or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organisation, or legal entity which has within its remit a clear association with performing research.

We invite interested investigators to submit a detailed motivation letter expressing their interest and one professional reference letter. Applicants will be selected on the basis of scientific excellence, young researcher participation, gender equality, geographical inclusiveness, and inclusiveness target country involvement.

Please refer to the Memorandum of Understanding on our website for more information about our Action, deliverable objectives, implementation strategies, and working groups: <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18122/#downloads>

Please refer to Section 6 of the COST Vademecum for more information on trainee eligibility and financial support: https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Vademecum_June2019.pdf

How to apply:

Interested candidates can apply by submitting:

1. A motivation letter detailing your relevant scientific achievements and experience with cancer models and cholangiocarcinoma. Please explain the scientific and/or other motivation for attending the training school and what scientific and/or other outcomes you aim to accomplish with the training school;
2. One professional reference letter.

These documents should be sent to melissa.kerr@uniroma1.it.

The deadline for applicants is **December 15, 2019**.