



## EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS

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### **European Society of Thoracic Surgeons (ESTS)-Catalan Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (ACECP) Travelling Fellowships 2011**

The ACECP was established in 2006 by Laureano Molins, M.D, Ramón Rami-Porta, M.D. and Enriqueta Felip, M.D, (Juan J Fibla, M.D. since 2009) with the priority goal of offering to young surgeons grants to broaden their training and increase international contacts. Up to 2008, sixteen Spanish thoracic surgeons have received grants for attending the European School of Thoracic Surgery.

The ESTS-ACECP Travelling Fellowships offered by the ESTS provides thoracic surgeons with a unique opportunity to visit medical institutions and learn valuable skills and techniques from some of the European leading thoracic surgeons. Each Fellow should plan to have one primary centre for his/her activities where he/she should spend three months. The Fellow should have identified an individual at that centre who will act as his/her sponsor and assist in planning the course of study at the host institution. In addition to the primary centre, the Fellow has the possibility to spend a shorter period of time, within the three-month period, at a secondary centre to enhance the Fellowship experience.

There are two Fellowships available. Each Fellowship provides a stipend of €5,000. The selected Fellows will be introduced at the Gala Dinner of the Annual Meeting of the ESTS and will be expected to submit a report summarizing his/her experience prior to the next Annual Meeting.

The Fellow should become involved predominantly with observation, consultation, teaching and research at the thoracic surgical training centres during the three months. Patient contact will be determined by the sponsoring surgeon and will conform to the regulations and licensing requirements of the country in which he/she is studying.

Candidates should be ESTS trainee members or simultaneously applying for membership and should have completed their formal training in thoracic surgery, but they should not have reached a senior position. Candidates must be sufficiently proficient in English to realize the full benefits of the Fellowship. Candidate should not have had extensive clinical training outside their country prior to submitting their application, and should be planning to return to their native country after the completion of their fellowship.

Applications for 2011 will be accepted till January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Fellowship applications will be assessed by a Selection Committee of Board members of the ESTS and the ACECP, who will meet and decide on the candidates during February 2011.

Candidates application including:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of candidate's sponsor at his/her current department
- Letter of candidate's sponsor at the host institution
- Letter of candidate explaining his/her objectives and the reasons for choosing the hosting institution.

should be sent to:

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This collaborative project between the ESTS and the ACECP is planned for an initial three-year period (2009, 2010 and 2011), after which the results will be duly assessed and a decision will be made on its continuation or cancellation.