

## FAQ iCARE-2

### **What should be uploaded when applying?**

You should always read the full call text carefully to make sure you have included all the required information in your application. The full call text will always list all required information and annexes/forms. There are some basic eligibility requirements, which you need to fulfil in addition to required annexes/forms. If you do not meet the eligibility requirements, your application will be rejected without being reviewed.

### **Where can I carry out iCARE-2 fellowships?**

There are 3 types of iCARE-2 fellowships: Incoming, Re-integration and Outgoing. Incoming and Re-integration fellowships must be carried out in a Hosting Institution located in Italy. Outgoing fellowships must be carried out in a Hosting Institution outside Italy.

### **What are the eligibility criteria?**

Please see the full call text for eligibility criteria.

### **Is there an age-limit to apply to iCARE-2 program?**

No. Eligibility criteria are described in detail in the Call text.

### **How do I submit my application?**

All applications must be submitted electronically via AIRC online submission form at <https://www.direzionescientifica.airc.it/Calls/Default.aspx>

### **In what format should my application be submitted?**

Your application must contain all required annexes (please see full call text) and be submitted as one compiled PDF file. You must use the available templates provided at the website.

### **Can I apply even if I have not received a PhD diploma (yet)?**

Yes, if you can demonstrate that you have at least 4 years Full-Time Equivalent Research Experience. Supporting documentation may be asked by AIRC officers.

### **What is 4 years Full-Time Equivalent Research Experience?**

Full-Time Equivalent Research Experience is calculated from the date when you obtained the degree (master's degree) which would formally entitle you to embark on a doctorate. Only postgraduate research experience is relevant for this purpose. Other professional activities are not taken into account, no matter when these took place. Research done during your master's degree therefore does not count.

### **Is it possible to update my application or to submit additional material/information after call deadline?**

No, you cannot modify your application after the deadline. It is however possible to send to AIRC papers in press by July 22. Papers received by this deadline will be forwarded to the reviewers.

### **When will I receive information on whether or not I will be offered a fellowship?**

The decision is expected to be made at the beginning of November. Offers will be communicated by e-mail. It is therefore important that you have access to and regularly check your e-mail at this time.

### **If I apply for the first call of the program and I am not funded, am I allowed to apply to the second call?**

Yes

**Do I have to attach to the application any Ethics relevant document?**

No. You only have to complete the Ethics Self-Assessment indicating for each relevant question all information required and describing how you will obtain the necessary documents. You will be requested to provide to AIRC the required documents only if the fellowship is funded and only before the beginning of the experiments arising ethical issues.

**How can I get help in compiling the Mobility check form?**

The mobility check form is meant to assure that you comply with the mobility rules at the base of iCARE-2 fellowship program. In the application form a video tutorial is also available. If you need additional help, please contact [cofund@airc.it](mailto:cofund@airc.it)

**Does AIRC provide a list of Hosting lab?**

No, iCARE-2 call for fellowships has a bottom-up approach: applicants are free to decide the topic of their project (in the field of cancer research) as well as the lab where to carry out their activity. Applicants must contact the head of the lab of their choice and agree with him/her their research plan.

**How does maternity leave affect eligibility?**

Reviewers are instructed to take into consideration research interruptions due to maternity leave or to other reasons. Maternity leave, must be reported in the mobility check, if applicable, as it must be taken into account to verify the eligibility of the applicant.

**In the Host Institution letter we have to list the training opportunities...Do you mean seminars, workshop offered by the Institution? Also the possibility to go to conference? other example of training opportunities?**

There are two categories of training opportunities:

1. Scientific training: it includes seminars, workshops, international conferences, technical courses, ...
2. Transferable skills training: including courses and/or seminars about grant writing, intellectual property rights, research integrity, public speaking, ...

In the letter of acceptance by the Hosting Institution the head of the hosting lab must describe which training opportunities (in both categories) will be offered by the Hosting Institution to the fellow.

If the applicant is interested in attending additional training activities, these must be mentioned in the Personal Statement section and, if they are relevant to the development of the research project described in the application, also in the Proposal Main Body.

**How many letter of presentation should we submit?**

Each applicant should provide ONE letter of presentation.

**Preliminary data are crucial for the application?**

If present, preliminary data support the feasibility of the research project proposed. We suggest applicants to discuss and agree the proposed research project with the supervisor, and identify preliminary data already produced in the lab.

**In which part of the application we should insert training on the transferrable skills?**

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