

ABC Global Alliance and EONS Nurse Fellowship

Information for Host Institutions 2026

Thank you for your interest in hosting a nurse fellowship at your institution. This document provides information about the purpose of the fellowship programme, the Host Institution role and requirements, and the selection criteria and process for the nurse(s) you will host.

1. Description and purpose of the programme

The Fellowship Programme offers breast cancer nurses who have limited opportunities for professional development (usually from low- and middle-income countries / LMIC) the opportunity to experience working in a multidisciplinary team in an accredited cancer centre, for a period of one to three months.

The experience is intended to increase the nurse's knowledge of treatment and models of care for advanced breast cancer (ABC). It provides a level of professional development not otherwise available to them, and gives them an overview of the issues involved in running a successful Cancer Unit. It may also provide an opportunity for a nurse to advance their quality improvement or research skills.

Due to registration requirements, the fellowship will be observational only, meaning that the nurse may observe but not participate in patient care or management.

We expect the fellowship to benefit not only the nurse, but also their home institution, as learnings are shared and opportunities for incremental improvements identified as a result of the fellowship. Ultimately, through these individual and institutional gains, the fellowship will improve the quality and consistency of metastatic breast cancer care in the Fellow's home country.

The ABC Global Alliance will provide a living allowance to the nurse for the duration of the fellowship, and will consider funding travel and accommodation in cases of need.

2. Role and Requirements of the Host Institution

2.1 Role

Host Institutions provide the foundation for a successful fellowship programme by generously sharing their expertise with the visiting nurse fellow. Host Institutions are centres of excellence – comprehensive cancer centres or accredited centres with recognised expertise in treating and supporting patients with advanced breast cancer. Institutions that have breast cancer nurse specialists (CNS) or equivalent will be favoured.

The fellowship nurse should have the opportunity to experience a range of aspects of your service, such as:

- Weekly rounds, multidisciplinary meetings;
- All aspects of the clinical pathway – outpatient clinics, inpatient clinics, supportive and palliative care clinics, survivorship and follow-up clinics, information sessions;
- Education or well-being events that focus on living with breast cancer/advanced breast cancer;
- Resources or information packs for patients with breast cancer/advanced breast cancer;
- Digital applications used to support patients;

- Education tools available concerning caring for patients with breast cancer/advanced breast cancer;
- Possible participation in a quality improvement, service innovation or research project.

2.2 Requirements of the Host Institution

Before the fellowship

- Review and sign the Host Institution contract with ABC Global Alliance and EONS.
- Although the application and selection process (see below) is managed by ABC Global Alliance and EONS, you will have the opportunity to interview the proposed nurse, if desired.
- A proposed starting date for the fellowship should be agreed between the Host Institution and the nurse at the earliest opportunity, with the fellowship starting within six months of acceptance by the Host Institution and the Candidate.
- Provide advice to the nurse on suitable accommodation.
- Provide a letter of support for the nurse's visa application, if needed.
- Initiate the internal process required and inform the accepted candidate of the enrolment procedure and requirements for working at their centre.
- Provide any pre-reading about your service that you think might be helpful (ABC Global Alliance and/or EONS may also provide pre-reading).

During the fellowship

- Provide a named mentor or supervisor for the fellowship (for example, a lead nurse). The mentor will ensure the nurse has the necessary introductions and induction process. She or he will review and help to refine the nurse's goals for the fellowship, and identify opportunities to advance those. During the fellowship, the mentor should meet at least weekly with the nurse, and be available to answer questions.
- Provide the nurse with access to experiences agreed when planning the fellowship.
- If possible, provide an opportunity for the nurse to present to your nursing team on her/his learnings and experience

After the fellowship

- Provide a brief report to ABC Global Alliance, using the form supplied by ABC Global Alliance, on how you think the fellowship went, and what could be done differently in future.
- Award a certificate of completion of clinical observership to the nurse.

3. Application and selection process for nurse candidates

3.1 Application

- The fellowship opportunity is open to nurses with at least two years' experience in clinical cancer nursing.
- The opportunity will be promoted through the networks of ABC Global Alliance, EONS and other oncology nursing groups.

- Applications for 2026 will be open January to March; the fellowship will be awarded by the end of April. Applications must be submitted online via the form on the EONS website (a link to the form will also be available on the ABC Global Alliance website).
- Applications will include the following:
 - The aims and goals of the training period, preferred Host Institution, plans for professional development after the training period, the requested duration (up to 3 months);
 - Languages spoken and level of expertise;
 - Curriculum vitae (CV) with list of publications;
 - A letter of support by the head of department at the nurse's current employer;
 - After the fellowship is awarded, the successful applicant will be required to provide a certified copy of the nursing diploma and registration details.

3.2 Selection

- ABC Global Alliance and EONS will review applications to identify suitable candidates, and will determine a match with a Host Institution. Language and culture are important aspects of the match.
- Priority will be given to cancer nurses from low- or middle-income countries. Having an interest in a quality improvement or research project in advanced breast cancer will be an advantage.
- The selection process will include an interview with the nurse conducted by EONS. The Host Institution will also have the opportunity to interview the nurse, if desired.

4. Register your interest in becoming a Host Institution

Please email the following information about your institution to projects@abcgloballiance.org:

- Hospital name and address, including country
- A short description of the breast cancer service in your hospital (number and type of specialists, number and type of specialist cancer nurses, services provided for early or advanced breast cancer). Include details of any accreditation or certification.
- A description of the scope of the observership that you can offer the nurse (for example, the range of the experiences described in Section 2.1 above), and your preferred duration (1, 2 or 3 months), if any.
- In what language(s) is your team comfortable to work? (e.g. in what language(s) can you hold a multidisciplinary meeting?)
- What language do you use when speaking to patients?

If, after discussion, we all agree the programme is a good fit for your institution, we will provide a contract for all parties to review and sign.

The details you provided about your institution and the fellowship scope, plus any specific conditions the applicant must meet, will be used to create your host institution profile, published on the ABC Global Alliance and EONS websites.

Thank you again for your interest, we look forward to hearing from you.