

Information for Nurse Applicants 2026

Thank you for your interest in applying for a nurse fellowship. This document provides information about the purpose of the fellowship programme and how it works. You will also learn how to submit an application, and the selection criteria and process.

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 your knowledge of treatment and models of care for advanced breast cancer (ABC). It provides a level of professional development not otherwise available to you, and should give you an overview of the issues involved in running a successful Cancer Unit. It may also provide an opportunity for you to develop or advance a quality improvement or research project for your own hospital.

In most cases, due to overseas registration requirements, the fellowship is likely to be observational only, meaning that you can observe but not participate in patient care or management

We expect the fellowship to benefit not only yourself, but also your 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 should help improve the quality and consistency of metastatic breast cancer care in your home country.

2. How does the ABC Global Alliance / EONS nurse fellowship work?

2.1 Funding

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.

2.2 Host Institution

ABC Global Alliance and EONS have agreements with Host Institutions in several countries that have generously agreed to share their expertise with a 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. You will be observing the work of dedicated breast cancer nurse specialists (CNS) or equivalent within the Host Institution.

When you apply for the fellowship, you will have the opportunity to state your preferred Host Institution. However, depending on language and cultural fit, and your specific fellowship objectives, you might be offered a placement at a different Host Institution.

During your fellowship, you should have the opportunity to experience a range of aspects of the Host Institution's breast cancer service, such as:

- Weekly rounds, multidisciplinary meetings;
- All aspects of the clinical pathway – for example, 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 apps 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, dedicated to advanced/metastatic breast cancer

The Host Institution will provide a mentor or supervisor for your fellowship (for example, a lead nurse). The mentor will ensure you have the necessary introductions and induction process. She or he will review and help to refine your goals for the fellowship, and identify opportunities to advance those. During the fellowship, the mentor will meet with you at least weekly and will be available to answer your questions and advise on participation and activities.

Near the end of your fellowship, you may be asked to present to the Host Institution nursing team on your learnings and experience during the fellowship.

You will receive a certificate of completion at the end of your fellowship.

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 deadline for 2026 applications is March 31. You will be informed of the outcome by April 30.
- Your application must be submitted **in English** online via the EONS website, by the stated deadline. Applications must include the following:
 - A completed application form, including a description of the aims and goals of the fellowship, details of any quality improvement or research project you wish to pursue, your preferred Host Institution, your plans for professional development after the fellowship, and the requested duration (up to 3 months);
 - Languages spoken and level of expertise;
 - Curriculum vitae (CV) with list of publications;
 - A letter of support from your head of department at your current hospital, if you are currently working within an institution or organisation;
 - Personal letter of motivation.

If you are awarded the fellowship, you will also need to provide a certified copy of your nursing diploma (or equivalent) and registration, with certified translation (if the original language is not English, French, Portuguese or Italian).

3.2 Selection process

- There are a limited number of fellowships to be awarded. 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.
- EONS will review all applications, and create a shortlist to be shared with ABC Global Alliance.

- The selection process will include an interview conducted by EONS and/or ABC Global Alliance. The Host Institution may also choose to interview you.

4. Responsibilities of the fellowship nurse

Before the fellowship

- You and your employer must review and sign the Nurse Fellowship contract provided by ABC Global Alliance and EONS.
- 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.
- You are responsible for obtaining a visa for your travel and meeting its requirements. ABC Global Alliance and the Host Institution will provide a letter of support if necessary.
- You are responsible for booking your accommodation. The Host Institution will advise you on suitable accommodation.
- Complete any enrolment process required by the Host Institution.
- Complete any pre-reading provided to you by the Host Institution and / or ABC Global Alliance and EONS to help you prepare for your visit.

During the fellowship

- You must attend the hospital every working day. Less than 95% attendance may result in your fellowship being terminated.
- You will review your goals regularly with your mentor, to ensure that your learning is on track.

After the fellowship

- You will submit a report to ABC Global Alliance within 60 days of the end of your fellowship. You will receive guidance about what should be in your report.
- You may be invited to have a video interview with ABC Global Alliance that will be used to promote the fellowship in future.

5. General conditions

- The ABC Global Alliance and EONS will bear no responsibility for untoward events in relation to the training programme.
- You are advised to take out personal, travel and professional insurance coverage.
- It will be your responsibility to pay any taxes that may be required by the home or host country.

Questions? Email projects@abcgloballiance.org

Thank you again for your interest, we look forward to receiving your application for the ABC Global Alliance / EONS Nurse Fellowship