



Future European Endocrine Leader (FEEL)- Rolf Gaillard Award 2025

the Section/Board of Endocrinology of the UEMS

In order to facilitate within Europe the exchange of trainees specialising in adult Endocrinology and to harmonise and improve the training of endocrinologists, the Section/Board of Endocrinology of the UEMS with the support of Novo Nordisk A/S and Novartis set up a fellowship program called '3E', the Exchange in Endocrinology Expertise in 2012. In 2019 the name of this award was changed to the Future European Endocrine leader (FEEL) - Rolf Gaillard award. Rolf Gaillard made this award possible.

The FEEL program will support candidates for an assignment in a leading centre in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism in Europe. The task will include both clinical practice and research.

Depending on the requirement of each individual project, financial support for the duration of the assignment may last up to six months. Whenever possible, the assignment should include both clinical practice and research. Publication should be prioritised and if not forthcoming, a report has to be submitted at the end and the candidate will be asked to give a presentation at the ECE conference.

The maximum support is EUR 9.000 for six months or the respective pro rata amount for shorter exchange periods. We can offer support for 2 candidates in 2026.

The selection of the candidates will be done by a Committee from the Section/Board of Endocrinology.

The criteria for a candidate to be selected are the following:

- Education: minimum of 1 year in the specialty of endocrinology, max. 5 years after completion of training
- At least 1 publication in a peer reviewed journal
- Recommendation from the head of the department
- Language: incompatibility of language should be avoided
 - The UEMS Committee will evaluate case by case if knowledge of the receiving centre language is necessary
- Motivation proven with a **specific project proposal** (4-5 pages) including a proposal of centre and feasibility letter and acceptance from the receiving centre

The country of origin as well as the receiving centre should be any of the countries represented in the UEMS Section/Board of Endocrinology.

The budget for the fellowship is limited to 9.000 EUR and can be used to cover salary, travel expenses (one return trip) and potential research expenses like bench fees. Successful applicants will be requested to submit a progress report half way through their exchange visit to receive the remaining 50% of the funds.

The fellowship applications should be sent by e-mail to the following address before April 1st of 2026 :

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