



OBJECTIVE OF THE GRANTS

The European Regional Committee (ERC) of the International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS) announces three Visiting Grants for Professional Development in laboratory animal science in 2023 in Europe. These Grants are available to all European professionals, with special focus on individuals from ICLAS members in European countries/areas in the process of developing modern standards of animal care and use.

The objective of the Grants is to enable recipients to acquire new knowledge and/or technical competences in the care and use of laboratory animals. This can be achieved in one of the host institutions proposed by ICLAS or in an institution proposed to be visited by the applicant.

WHO CAN APPLY

Grants can be awarded to three categories of roles, for people who want to develop one of those roles as part of their career:

- Animal technician
- Animal facility manager/animal welfare officer/veterinarian
- Animal user scientist

Fluency in written and spoken English and/or the language of the country of the host institution is required. Preference is given to individuals who otherwise would not have funding for international travel and experience in activities of this kind.

Each Grant will cover costs of transportation, accommodation, meals, and incidental expenses associated with these activities. The total of the Grant shall not exceed 2.000 €. Assistance will be provided in making travel and lodging arrangements in the area. There will be no tuition or other participation fees for this training and experience.

HOW TO APPLY

Nominations or applications should be written in English and consist of the following (there is no official form for the application):

- A cover letter which includes the candidate's career goals and a statement with detailed information on the reasons why the candidate is interested in attending this training. This statement should indicate what he/she is hoping to gain, how he/she would use the knowledge and experience acquired, how that knowledge would be disseminated, where and to whom, and what benefits will be derived.
- A *Curriculum vitae*, maximum of 2 pages in length, with emphasis on laboratory animal science training and experience.
- A letter of recommendation from the employer, including commitment for salary support for the recipient during the training period or other assurance of similar financial support.
- At least one letter of recommendation from another professional familiar with the qualifications and professional interests and activities of the candidate.
- An acceptance letter from the host institution, if proposed by the applicant.
- Detailed budget of the travel expenses (transportation, accommodation, meals, incidentals...).

It is important to notice that the applicant accepts that the data in this application will be incorporated into a file owned by ICLAS that can be shared with ICLAS representatives in order to perform the fellowship evaluation process. ICLAS will process the personal data in the application according to the privacy principles on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.

Completed nominations or applications should be submitted by e-mail to info@iclas.org

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

The deadline for submission of applications is March 1st, 2023. The decision of the committee will be communicated by April 1st, 2023 and the period of each training will be agreed with the host institution. The time of training will be between the months of June and December 2023 and can be negotiated with the host institution. If there is a preference of time during this period it should be stated in the application.

REPORT AFTER THE VISIT

The grantees are required to submit to ICLAS a short report on the visit within 4 weeks after their stay. It should contain the following information:

- Purpose of the visit
- Description of the work carried out during the visit
- Description of the main results obtained
- Statement giving or denying permission to publish the report in the ICLAS website. If permission is granted, the grantee should ask the host institution for this permission too, and the response provided.
- Other comments (*if any*)

The report must be sent to info@iclas.org, with the host institution in cc.

ICLAS will publish the report on its website to help publicise the scheme if agreed with the grantee and the host institution. The report should not include any personal or confidential information of the host institution, unless it is authorised by the institute and the persons who it concerns. Please, give the evidence of the authorisation if such information will be included in the report.