

EACR - *Molecular Oncology* Editorial Fellowship

The European Association for Cancer Research (EACR) and The Federation of European Biochemical Societies (FEBS) are collaborating on a Fellowship scheme to offer early-career EACR members the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience of scientific publishing through a short-term fellowship with the FEBS journal *Molecular Oncology*.

The European Association for Cancer Research, a registered charity, is a global community for those working and studying in cancer research, with more than 14,000 members worldwide. Our mission is “The advancement of cancer research for the public benefit: from basic research to prevention, treatment and care.” The EACR facilitates communication and collaboration within the cancer research community, provides a variety of support and funding opportunities, and organises highly rated webinars, scientific conferences and an annual congress.

The Federation of European Biochemical Societies (FEBS) is one of Europe’s largest organizations in the molecular life sciences, with over 30,000 members across 39 biochemistry and molecular biology societies (its ‘Constituent Societies’) in different countries of Europe and neighbouring regions. As a charitable academic organization, FEBS promotes and supports biochemistry, molecular biology, cell biology, molecular biophysics and related research areas through its journals, Congress, Advanced Courses, Fellowships and other initiatives. There is an emphasis in many programmes on scientific exchange and cooperation between scientists working in different countries, and on promotion of the training of early-career scientists.

Molecular Oncology is an open-access journal owned by FEBS and affiliated with the EACR. The journal considers Research Articles from the fields of basic, translational, and clinical cancer research. *Molecular Oncology* also publishes Review Articles, Commentaries and Policy Papers discussing emerging concepts in cancer research, cancer diagnosis, prevention and care. Journal profits are re-invested in the scientific community. Manuscripts are handled by a team of dedicated academic Section Editors under a transparent peer review scheme.

Fellowship details

Are you interested in a career in scientific publishing? Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at the top journals? The winner of this Fellowship will spend 3 months working remotely as part of the *Molecular Oncology* editorial team, and have the chance to visit the *Molecular Oncology* Editorial Office in Heidelberg.

Eligibility: EACR members who have at least 2 years of PhD experience and do not hold a faculty position and/or managerial role are eligible to apply.

Award: A one-off award of 2000 EUR will be made at the beginning of the Fellowship. A further award of up to 2000 EUR can be made to cover travel and accommodation for a short visit to the *Molecular Oncology* Editorial Office in Heidelberg. The amount awarded for this short visit is subject to the duration of the visit (up to 1000 EUR for visits shorter than one week) and the successful applicant will need to provide receipts of expenditure.

Duration: 3 months part-time (20 hours/ week), remote. Flexible schedule depending on applicant availability and the occasional needs of the journal.

Estimated start date: February 2026

Skills to be developed: The Fellowship aims to develop the applicant's skills in the areas of the editorial process and scientific writing. During the first month of the fellowship, the successful applicant will engage remotely with the Editorial Office team to get familiar with all aspects of publishing, including a first evaluation of new submissions, admin checks on manuscripts, editorial checks on provisionally accepted articles, writing of article highlights for the journal website and the FEBS Network, and assisting Section Editors with finding potential reviewers.

After the second month of their fellowship, the successful applicant can start joining Editorial Status Meetings, and become involved in article commissioning and the developmental editing of Review articles and front-half material. The successful applicant will also have an opportunity to visit the Editorial Office in Heidelberg and exchange in person on all matters pertaining to the daily editorial routine.

Format: Remote experience with an optional (but highly encouraged) short visit to the Editorial Office in Heidelberg in the second half of the fellowship. Please note that the EACR and *Molecular Oncology* Office cannot offer support with visa applications beyond a standard letter of invitation from the *Molecular Oncology* Editorial Office.

Performance: The EACR will receive feedback from *Molecular Oncology* regarding the Fellow's attendance throughout the Fellowship. After the Fellowship, we ask for a short written report describing your experience, any personal highlights, and how attending has informed your career trajectory or goals.

Before applying, please carefully read the sections below. This will enable you to assess whether you are eligible to apply, and to help you to write your application.

Application Guidelines & Evaluation Process

A short viewpoint article (300-500 words, excluding references): Applicants must write a short viewpoint article highlighting a recent advance in cancer research that the applicant found of interest (max 10 references). This article must be included in Section 3 of the application portal.

Supervisor endorsement letter: Each application must be accompanied by a signed letter on headed paper from the applicant's supervisor or team leader. This should reference the value to the researcher of receiving an EACR - *Molecular Oncology* Editorial Fellowship. If you are not currently employed or studying, please include a letter from your most recent supervisor. This letter must be uploaded in Section 3 of the application portal.

Evaluation: All applications will be evaluated fully. EACR - *Molecular Oncology* Editorial Fellowships will be evaluated considering the following factors:

- Suitability of the applicant – are they eligible and will they be able to make the most of the fellowship?
- Benefit for the applicant - will the fellowship be a boost for the applicant's CV?
- Relevance of the viewpoint article – are the opinions expressed actual and well backed up by evidence?

Applying: Eligible researchers can apply quickly and easily online through our application portal. Please see the 'How to Apply' section of the fellowship webpage for further details. Applicants can expect to hear the result of evaluation by 12 December 2025.

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Application deadline: 06 November 2025