

# Q&A – Junior Clinical Research STAR Programme:

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## 1. What are the requirements to attend this Programme?

There are at least two requirements necessary to join this STAR programme.

- a. Diploma needed: at least a bachelor's degree, preferably a master's degree.
- b. Language skills: English and local language are required for the training sessions and the internship.

## 2. Internships:

### **a. Where can I do the internships?**

The organisations where you perform the internships are identified jointly (ECCRT and the student) in the country where you are located. We take into account the location and language skills. The final validation of the internship organisation is done by ECCRT.

### **b. Who looks for the internships?**

ECCRT alongside with the participant will look for the hospitals, pharma or medical device/ companies, / Contract Research Organisation's in which the internship will take place for a whole year. ECCRT has contacts for internships, however our experience indicates that for foreign students, it is not so easy to find a place (language, visa issues, etc.). Therefore, we require the students to actively get involved and look for places. Once identified, ECCRT will approach the organisations.

The intern will have a regular discussion with ECCRT's mentor to help in the internship experience.

### **c. The internship can be combined with another job or study?**

Yes, if only you have a part-time job. The internship can be scheduled in a way to suit our participants needs and current situation. Ideally the time available for the internships is 80% (work time).

## 3. Financial Questions

### **a. Can I get a refund for this programme?**

ECCRT is partnering with a number of organisations and recruitment agencies. If you accept a job offer from the recruitment agency after the completion of the STAR Programme, there is a possibility that they will grant you a partial refund of the registration fee you paid for the programme at the time you are hired.

### **b. Am I paid during the internships?**

Depends on the country legislation and company where the internship will take place.

### **c. What is included in the programme fee?**

The programme fee includes: the training preparation and participation, the administration cost, the materials you will receive during the training session and the catering services, and the mentoring during the internships.

### **d. Do I need to pay VAT ?**

In general, yes: as an end-user, you are required to pay VAT. Therefore, you need to add 21% to the total amount to be paid.

**e. How many instalments are available for payment of the programme fees?**

The complete fee of the Programme needs to be paid prior the start of the STAR Programme to grant your access to our Virtual Campus.

**f. Can I get financial support during the programme?**

Yes, you can. After the course completion you can be partially refunded (check answer a).

**g. Can I get any discounts on the programme fee?**

Unfortunately, there is no possibility for a discount.

#### 4. Logistics

**a. Does ECCRT provide any VISA or work permit?**

ECCRT can provide you with an admission letter for you to use to extend your student stay/ or visa. We are not a school or a university, so we cannot extend your student visa. That will have to be done with your local authorities.

**b. How to apply for the programme**

Here is the process on how you can apply for the programme:

- Application form ([downloadable here](#))
- Submit CV with your motivation letter
- After a positive evaluation: Intake conversation with a mentor
- If positive, accepted for the programme
- Book the programme on the ECRT website (best 2 months, but at least one month before the start)

#### 5. Other

**a. What are the chances for having a job afterwards?**

It is with great pride and joy that 100% of the previous participants that followed our STAR programme have found a job soon after or even during the internships.