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EU MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP IN THE FIELD OF RARE EYE DISEASES

Dates: 12 month program, from 1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020
(6 months contracting is possible)

Location: Hôpitaux Universitaires de Strasbourg, France

SETTING

The Strasbourg university hospital is highly specialized in Rare eye diseases on a Regional, national and international level with a recent award as an European Reference Network (ERN) coordinator. ERNs are networks involving healthcare providers across Europe and have been launched in 2017. They aim to tackle complex or rare diseases and conditions that require highly specialized treatment and concentrated knowledge and resources.

ERN-EYE, dedicated to Rare Eye Diseases (RED), currently consists of 29 healthcare-providers from 13 Member States, with important interactions with patient groups covering RED conditions in four thematic groups (retinal, neuro-ophthalmology, paediatric ophthalmology & anterior segment). The ERN project leader, Pr Dollfus, and the management team are based at the Hôpitaux Universitaires de Strasbourg (HUS), France. To deal with challenging clinical cases and to bring expertise to all patients across Europe, a virtual clinic is being set up. Based on a tool provided by the European Commission, called Clinical Patient Management System (CPMS), the virtual clinic starts to be operational.

This fellowship position is co-funded by the European Commission Innovation & Networks Executive Agency (INEA) – Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) - and by the HUS. 75% of the time will be dedicated to ERN-EYE missions and 25 % to the clinical daily mission of the centre of reference dedicated to Rare Eye Diseases CARGO in Strasbourg.

MISSIONS

The fellow, in close collaboration with the coordinator and the management team as well as the Working Groups leaders, will be mainly responsible for the daily management of the Virtual clinic, the smooth medical running and will coordinate the dispatching of the clinical cases to the *ad-hoc* panels of experts through Europe. He/she will be in charge of checking the panel, delivery of recommendations and the overall process. This part of the job will require solid knowledge on rare diseases and preferably also for ophthalmology.

The Fellow will also help the coordinating team to better define the patient pathway in CPMS and relevant ERN-EYE clinical working groups, organise pathways for emergency situations, and provide a medical assistance to create new panel each time it will be necessary/requested by an ERN-EYE member, identify potential ethical and legal medical issues and anticipate potential bottlenecks in the patients CPMS pathway to solve, participate to a helpdesk dedicated to ERN-EYE members, report regularly on the process for continuous assessment.

The fellow will be helping the management team with a medical and scientific watch of the field. The fellow will have 1.5 days clinic for rare eye diseases with patients locally with the CARGO team and will participated actively to the local care of patients as well will be integrated in the French network for rare sensorial diseases (FSMR SENSGENE)



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BACKGROUND

The candidate should be a MD

- ophthalmologist (specialised in paediatric ophthalmology or genetic ophthalmology or any sub specialty related to Rare Eye Diseases)
- or a medical geneticist with a sub specialization in sensorial genetics
- or a general practitioner with a good background in rare diseases or a public health specialist.

Ideally, the MD fellow will be an ophthalmologist from one the HCP member of ERN-EYE.

EXPERIENCE

All previous experience in the field will be taken into account, a PhD is an asset.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Full time job, 12 months (1st October 2019– 30th September 2020)
- Location: Hôpitaux Universitaires de Strasbourg, France
- Fluent (spoken and written) English required
- Travels can be necessary on a one-time basis
- Salary will depend on experience and diplomas according to the French Public Function salaries

HOW TO APPLY

All interested candidates can send a letter of intend with a CV to:

helene.dollfus@chru-strasbourg.fr and Armelle.drexler@chru-strasbourg.fr
and in copy dorothee.leroux@chru-strasbourg.fr before the **31th March 2019**.
We are also ready to answer all questions if necessary.

