



The OECI Academy Programme 2026-2028

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Organisation of European
Cancer Institutes

European Economic
Interest Grouping



OECI MAJOR LINES OF ACTIVITIES

- A&D Programme
- OECIWorld
- Working Groups
- ➔ **Academy** & Young Board
- Participation in EU cancer calls



OECI ACADEMY MISSION

- **Empower junior professionals in the oncological field**
 - **with the scientific knowledge, technical expertise and soft skills necessary to advance cancer research and patient care.**
- *The final goal is to contribute to the global fight against cancer*
- *by training the future scientists and leaders in the oncological field.*

OECI ACADEMY IN NUMBERS

Indicator	Value
Year of Establishment	2024
Official Launch	January 2025
Participants at Launch Webinar	62
Countries Represented	15
Webinars Delivered in 2025	4
Residential Courses Planned	2
Residential Course Capacity	50 Participants

OECI ACADEMY PROGRAMME IN 2026-2028

Residential course on “*Scientific Writing and Communication.*” **October 14-15-16, 2026 in Valencia, Spain.**

Residential courses **March 2027** and **March 2028**, entitled “*How to Develop and Write a Successful Grant Application*”, designed as an enhanced continuation of the 2025 programme and complemented by freely accessible online webinars.

For October 2027, the proposed topic is “*Observational Studies in Oncology Research.*” Participants will gain a solid understanding of observational study design, including cohort development, case–control studies and nested designs, the integration of AI models, and the role of biobanking in oncology research.

For **March 2028**, the proposed topic is “*Interventional Studies in Oncology Research.*” This course will focus particularly on clinical trials and the statistical methodologies that underpin interventional research in oncology.

A promotional poster for the ECI Academy Residential Course. The background is a blurred image of a person writing on a notepad with a pen. The poster features the ECI Academy logo at the top right, which consists of a blue diamond shape with a white 'E' inside, followed by the text 'ECI academy' in blue. In the top left corner, there is a white rounded rectangle with the text 'IN-PERSON EVENT'. Below this, the word 'NEW' is written in a stylized, bubbly font. The main title 'Residential Course' is prominently displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font, enclosed in a light blue oval. Below the title, a paragraph of text describes the course as a hands-on residential course designed to help young researchers communicate science clearly, confidently, and effectively — from manuscripts and conferences to public outreach and social media. At the bottom left, there is a white button with the text 'JOIN NOW'. To its right, a light blue button contains the text 'APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30'. Below these buttons, the dates '14-16 October 2026' and the location 'Valencia, Spain' are listed, each preceded by a small icon (a calendar for dates and a location pin for the city). At the bottom right, there is a logo for 'ivo' with the text 'in collaboration with' above it.

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Target audience: PhD students, medical residents, and junior postdoctoral researchers (within 2 years of PhD or residency completion)

Bursaries and travel grants:

- OECI will allocate 50 full bursaries to the best-ranked applicants
- 25 travel grants covering economy flight or train ticket to the best ranked applicants coming from lower/middle income countries*

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*Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Greece, Hungary, Italy, Jordan, Kosovo, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Tanzania, Turkey, Ukraine, Vietnam

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Working Groups (WGs) may submit proposals for training webinars dedicated to junior scientists across the oncology disciplines.

For the 2026 programme, each WG may submit up to **two webinar proposals**. All webinars must be organized entirely by the WG and delivered during 2026.

Each webinar should have a maximum duration of **three hours** and must align with the training recommendations of the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO), the European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO), and the European Commission ensuring consistency with European standards for junior-level education.

The deadline for proposal submission is September 30, 2026.

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