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SAKK / Gilead Expanding Horizons in Oncology

An award to enable learner-driven continuous education in the field of oncology. To maintain and expand Swiss excellence in oncological research and patient care.

Aim of the award

The healthcare field is continuously evolving, and the field of oncology is advancing at a particularly high pace. It is thus of tremendous importance to facilitate continuous education of healthcare providers in this field, in order to maintain high-quality patient care. Gilead would like to contribute to tackling this challenge by partnering up with SAKK to provide funding for ongoing education in the field of oncology. The award is endowed with a total amount of 40'000 CHF and is granted to suitable applicants. All applications with projects that remain below the maximum amount will be evaluated. The awarding of more than one applicant is possible.

Eligible projects

We aim to facilitate learner-driven education and encourage applicants to outline projects that are best suited to achieve their goals of professional development. Successful projects will, however, have to be specifically advancing professional knowledge and competency in the field of oncology, ultimately leading to an improvement of the quality of patient care in this field. Submission is open to all fields of oncology, however submissions focusing on the fields of breast, thoracic, gynecological or GI cancers will receive priority review.

Project types may include but are not limited to:

- Coaching of individuals or teams
- Initiatives for ongoing education/training for teams or individuals
- International training visits to other healthcare institutions
- Training apps or other digital forms of training

Eligible applicants

Applicants to receive education through the funding of the award need to be employed by a healthcare institution in Switzerland and work in the field of oncology/hematology for a minimum of 2 years. Applications may also be submitted by institutions in Switzerland.

Within this scope the award can be granted to either teams or individuals and people with different backgrounds, such as for instance nurses, medical doctors or study coordinators. Projects must be financed through an institutional banking account.

Application

Applications must be written in English and contain the following information:

- Background/rationale of the project (including how this project will further enhance the professional knowledge/skills of the applicants in the field of oncology)
- Detailed description of the project
- Timeline of the project
- Financial plan of the project
- CV of main applicant (for group applications individual CVs can be requested)

All applications must be submitted electronically via events@sakk.ch

Follow up

The award winner must provide a brief update on the progress or the final results of the project at the next SAKK semi-annual meeting the following spring/summer. The winner must further provide a written summary of the project no later than 1 year after the award ceremony. The written summary sent to the SAKK, will be forwarded to the jury president.

Additional Information

Gilead will not influence the content of the educational project or provide guidance on the content of it in any form. Project evaluation and selection of the award recipient(s) is performed by SAKK, through an independent jury. Congress travels and registration as well as sponsoring of established medical education or seminar series (e.g. Journal club, OncoLunch etc.) are out of the scope of the award. The total amount requested should not exceed 33% of the annual budget of the requesting organization. If an application includes staff cost or salary, it should be clear, that these are not covered by any other source.