

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Medical Oncology Fellowship in Clinical Breast Cancer Research

From October 2013 to September 2015

The **Breast European Adjuvant Studies Team (BrEAST)** is located at the Jules Bordet Institute in Brussels, Belgium, right in the heart of Europe (<https://www.br-e-a-s-t.org>).

BrEAST is a clinical trials unit mainly involved in the coordination and data management of large international phase III trials in the field of adjuvant breast cancer therapy. Recently, we have started an ambitious program based on conducting proof of concept, biology driven phase II trials in the neoadjuvant and metastatic settings.

The team consists of about 50 members including medical oncologists, project managers, data managers, computer scientists, clinical monitors, clinical scientists, monitoring coordinators, monitors, data entry staff, quality assurance specialists, and administrative assistants. Since being established in the mid-1990s, **BrEAST** has hosted many fellows from numerous continents and countries around the world, including different European countries, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Argentina, India, Peru, Egypt,. A fellowship at **BrEAST** provides a unique experience for medical oncologists to become familiar with all aspects of the development and conduct of large international cancer clinical trials. Contributing to the uniqueness of the experience is the fact that **BrEAST** studies are run under the umbrella of the **Breast International Group (BIG)**.

The **Breast International Group (BIG)** (www.breastinternationalgroup.org) is an international non-profit organization for academic breast cancer research groups from around the world, also

headquartered at the Jules Bordet Institute. By encouraging interaction and cooperation between its members and other academic networks, and by collaborating with but working independently from the pharmaceutical industry, BIG's mission is to facilitate the conduct of large and difficult breast cancer clinical trials and to reduce the wasteful duplication of efforts. Created in 1999 by European opinion leaders, BIG now constitutes a network of 49 collaborative groups, research partnerships and trial units with links to several thousand specialized hospitals and research centers around the world. BIG also collaborates closely with North American collaborative groups and has coordinated projects supported by the European Commission, such as the TRANSBIG network for translational research and INTEGRATE.

The **Jules Bordet Institute** (www.bordet.be), a university teaching hospital of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), is the only comprehensive cancer center in Belgium dedicated exclusively to cancer. Its services range from cancer screening to multidisciplinary cancer treatment and state-of-the art clinical and laboratory research, for which the Institute is renowned on both the national and international levels.

Main Supervisor:

MARTINE PICCART-GEBHART, MD, PhD

- Director of the Medicine Department, Jules Bordet Institute
- Chair, Breast International Group (BIG)
- Past President, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC)
- President of the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO)



Fellowship activities include:

- Acting as medical advisor for large, international phase II/III trials in the field of neoadjuvant, adjuvant or metastatic breast cancer; in addition to being responsible for all medical aspects of a particular trial, a medical advisor participates in conference calls, investigator and other meetings related to the study, often held at major oncology conferences;
- Writing, discussing, and developing new study protocols in breast cancer (phase I to III studies);
- Writing review and research articles, book chapters, and abstracts under the guidance of a senior oncologist with expertise in a particular field of oncology;
- Writing grant applications whenever required;
- Attending and presenting journal clubs;
- Interacting with other departments within the institution for related research activities;
- Attending oncology conferences, meetings and workshops;
- Helping on the training of new team members;

To be eligible, candidates must:

- Hold a degree in medicine and have recently completed, or are soon to complete, their specialization in Medical Oncology;
- Be no older than 35 years;
- Preferably have some clinical research and publication background;
- Be fluent in spoken and written English (French and/or Dutch are an asset);
- Be able to work in an international environment;
- Possess excellent communication skills and team spirit;
- Be able to work within established deadlines;
- Be able to work on different activities (multi-task);
- Possess computer skills (Microsoft office);

If you are interested, please send:

- A letter of application;
- A recommendation letter from a referee;
- A full updated CV.

Application process: Please send the required documents to Dr. Martine Piccart, by e-mail (martine.piccart@bordet.be) or to Dr. Evandro de Azambuja (evandro.azambuja@bordet.be).

Note: All documents must be submitted in English. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Available vacancies: 1

Application closing date: 1st April 2013

Notification of results: as from 2nd May 2013

Financial Support: The fellowship grant is approximately 2,000 Euros per month during the first year and 2,300 Euros per month thereafter. This amount is not subject to tax under Belgian law. Fellows enrolled in the Université Libre de Bruxelles may obtain low cost health insurance.

