



Fellowship Opportunity in Clinical Cancer Research

Oncodistinct Network & Clinical Trials Conduct Unit (CTCU)

The **Oncodistinct network** was created in 2015 at the initiative of cancer centres in and outside of Europe. It is based at Institut Jules Bordet, in Brussels. The network aims to respond to the exponential changes in the oncology research landscape by accelerating treatment individualization, promoting multidisciplinary, in clinical research and challenging current practices, particularly in settings with unmet medical needs. Oncodistinct is a research network bringing together leading academic investigators who share the same vision of innovative clinical research. By building a strong collaboration between clinicians, scientists and partners in drug development, Oncodistinct develops early-to-later phase clinical trials with innovative designs and cutting-edge translational research components, all aiming to significantly improve patient outcomes. The driving force of the network is its investigators' think tank which generates innovative clinical research projects. Oversight and strategy decision making come from Oncodistinct steering committee which is composed of one representative per Oncodistinct centre. The day-to-day management of activities is supported by coordinating and operational teams.

The **Clinical Trials Conduct Unit (CTCU)** conducts clinical studies in a professional manner, in compliance with European Directives, regulations and Good Clinical Practice – GCP). These clinical studies are carried out in collaboration with pharmaceutical firms and/or academic partners. The clinical studies conducted at the Institut Bordet are coordinated by CTCU research physicians and teams. These doctors are responsible for monitoring patients and collecting data.

Function (two-fold mission):

The Oncodistinct network is seeking a highly motivated and dynamic fellow to conduct academic research as well as other activities within the network and the Clinical Trials Conduct Unit (CTCU) of Institut Jules Bordet (**on a 50-50% basis**). The fellow will be involved in all stages of different **Oncodistinct clinical trials** (from set up to follow up), and will gain expertise in conducting trials through participation in the activities of the **Clinical Trial Conduct Unit (CTCU)** of Institut Jules Bordet.

The fellow will be mentored by **Prof. Ahmad Awada** (Head of the Oncology Department and Director of the Chirec Cancer Institute) and supervised by **Dr Nuria Kotecki** (Oncodistinct Executive Officer and medical oncologist at Institut Jules Bordet in charge of the early drug development program at CTCU) and **Dr Philippe Aftimos** (Head of CTCU).

The fellow will be encouraged to develop his own clinical trial (in which he can benefit from the expertise of all the members of the Oncodistinct network, from conception to execution), and to participate to workshops (e.g.: MCCR workshop).

Primary responsibilities

Clinical work:

- Research fellowship that includes also clinical research activities as described in the application.

- Full-time junior “Clinical Research Physician” (CRP).
- Provide support for the medical follow-up of ongoing Oncodistinct studies in interaction with other oncologists
- Start his/her own clinical study within the network.
- Write reviews and/or articles on scientific subjects of interest for the Oncodistinct network.
- Participate to fundraising actions for the network (grants, calls...).
- Represent the Oncodistinct network at events (scientific congresses, etc.).
- The fellow will work in close collaboration with the Project Manager, the Coordinating Team and the Executive Officer of the network.
- Participate in CTCU clinical activities, including patient follow-ups, study-related teleconferences, and providing medical support to study coordinators.

Essential qualifications and skills:

- Qualified oncologist, or oncologist in training with at least two years of clinical experience in medical oncology.
- Be interested in clinical research for his/her career.
- Excellent command of written & spoken English.
- Ability to work effectively within a multidisciplinary team.
- Strong organizational, communication, interpersonal and presentation skills.
- Demonstrated analytical and problem-solving abilities.
- The fellow must be eligible to work in Belgium or have a work permit.
- Good knowledge of French language is required

Desirable skills:

- Experience in clinical trials is a plus.
- Experience with an EU cancer network is advantageous.

Application process & selection

Interested candidates should submit the following:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Motivation Letter

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A selection committee will review applications, and shortlisted candidates will be invited for an online interview.

Application closing date: 30 June 2026

Start date: October 2026 / November 2026

Duration: 1 year

⚠ Important: All documents must be submitted in English. Incomplete applications will not be considered. For more information on the position, please send an email to oncodistinct@hubruxelles.be and Oncodistinct.CTC@hubruxelles.be .

For more information, visit: www.oncodistinct.net and <https://www.bordet.be/>