

ESO scholarship information for MAS in Stroke Medicine programme

Application requirements:

General requirements:

- Resident of a European country
- ESO member
- Master's degree in a related subject in medical sciences in the previous six years
- Priority will be given to candidates who are employed in academic institutions, teaching hospitals, research institutes, governments, or who aim at a career in one of these sectors. However, Master candidates employed in the profit sector or newly graduated candidates without any work experience can be eligible for the scholarship as well, depending on their motivation and profile.

Language requirements:

- Competence in English, equivalent to an IELTS score of 7.0 or higher

Specific application documents:

- Personally signed letter of motivation (with reference to current occupation, two pages maximum) with current date
- Letter of recommendation from your current employer; the letter must have letterhead, a signature and must be of current date
- List of publications
- Proof that the remaining amount can be paid

Important:

The complete applications have to be submitted in English to be considered. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

Application deadline

31 August 2025

Scholarship types

- Low- or middle-income countries: 3 partial scholarships (15'000 CHF)
- High-income countries: 3 partial scholarship (5'000 CHF)

Application and Selection Procedure

Step 1: Upload. Upload your complete application [here](#) before **31 August 2025**.

Step 2: Screening. Disqualifying all applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria or who failed to submit a correct application.

Step 3: Rating. Each member of the selection committee reviews the applications individually and rates them.

Step 4: Online interview. The top ranked candidates will be invited to an online interview in September / October 2025.

Step 5: Selection. The selection committee will discuss and finalize the ratings. The candidates will be informed accordingly before **15 November 2025**.

Rating

The selection commission will rate each candidate on a scale from 1 to 5 for the following items:

- CV
- Motivation letter
- Professional experience

Important scholarship selection criteria

The selection committee makes a selection from the eligible scholarship holders. When choosing, they take into account a number of selection criteria:

Motivation: it is essential that the motivation and professional goals of the candidate demonstrate the possibility of transferring knowledge/skills or creating extension activities and highlight themes relevant to stroke medicine, which are also pertinent to the course. Not only academic results are important, but also and especially the potential of the candidate to become an “actor of change” in his/her home country after the study or training. Social intelligence, communication skills, eagerness to teach and disseminate the knowledge represent highly valued skills.

Professional experience: preference will be given to candidates who can demonstrate a higher possibility of implementing and/or transferring newly gained knowledge/skills upon return to the home country, preferably in a research institution, a teaching hospital, a higher education institution, or the government sector (national/regional/local), thereby contributing to positive societal change.

Gender balance: The selection committee aims at a balance between the number of male and female candidates who are awarded an ESO scholarship.

Regional balance: The selection committee aims at a balanced distribution of scholarships across European countries and regions.

Social background: In case of two equally qualified candidates, preference will be given to candidates from a disadvantaged area within their country or an ethnic or social minority group.