

Information for Applicants

Pancreas 2000 – A Unique Educational Program

The aim of this course is to develop the next generation of European pancreatic specialists to the highest standard of expertise.

We are looking for candidates who are demonstrably committed to the pancreas and the treatment of pancreatic disease and who intend to continue to work – and become a leader – in this field.

Prerequisites for Applicants

Candidate Profile

The Pancreas 2000 program is not just another qualification to add to your CV. The ideal Pancreas 2000 participant is **not** a well-established professional with a busy clinical or research schedule.

Rather, this program is intended for young physicians who are passionate about the pancreas and just starting out in their career.

Applicants who do not meet the requirements listed below will not be considered.

You should apply for the Pancreas 2000 program if you:

1. Are **not older** than age 32
2. Have decided to specialize in the pancreas and pancreatic disease as your career goal (as demonstrated through undergraduate studies, master thesis/diploma, MD thesis)
3. Do not yet have a PhD
4. Are not head of a department or hold a leading position in your institution
5. May have published a handful of publications on the pancreas as an author or co-author
6. Are not planning to participate in a post-doc program outside of Europe for the duration of the course
7. Can commit to attend all five meetings over a period of two years and actively participate in project work
8. Your supervisor fully supports your participation in the Pancreas 2000 program
9. Are currently an active EPC member

Eligible backgrounds:

- Gastroenterology (including endoscopy)
- GI surgery / HPB surgery
- GI oncology

Candidates with related backgrounds such as translational science, pathology and radiology may be considered if the focus is directly related to the pancreas and suitable for the program format.

Institution and Supervisor Support

The candidate must have an identifiable supervisor who supports him or her. If this individual is not a (former) mentor in the Pancreas 2000 program, special care must be taken to solicit explicit support, ideally by the head of department/division.

Furthermore, your institution (department/division) must have a strong track record of dealing with pancreatic diseases, at least on a regional (state) level.

How to Apply

Please read these instructions carefully.

All documents must be combined in **one PDF document and put in this order**:

1. **CV** (not more than **two** pages)
2. **Motivation letter** clearly stating a) why you are applying to the program, b) how Pancreas 2000 will impact your future career and c) the professional goals the program will help you achieve (**one** page max)
3. **Statement on the amount of time** you can dedicate to course projects in terms of hours/days per week (**one** page max)
4. **Letter from your supervisor** stating that you will have adequate time for course work and be able to participate in five meetings over the course of two years (2026 – 2028) (**one** page max)

Candidates will be selected by Pancreas 2000 mentors in collaboration with the EPC Council. Weighting will be as follows: motivation letter (60%), CV (10%), and gender/country of origin/publications (30%).

Applications should be sent directly to info@europeanpancreaticclub.org. The deadline for submitting an application is **Monday, December 15th, 2025**.

Meeting Attendance

The candidate must ensure that sufficient time off from clinical work will be available to attend on-site meetings and actively participate in project work.

Attendance of all Pancreas 2000 meetings at full length is a requirement for graduation. Not being able to attend the first meeting will lead to exclusion from the program.

Course Fee

Pancreas 2000 will cover your expenses at the meetings, but travel costs to and from the meeting venue must be covered by yourself, your institution or sponsors (e.g. industry). Meetings will be held in easy-to-access venues and can usually easily be reached using public transportation.

A one-off course fee of **600€** is payable two months before the course begins. Participants who have agreed to participate in the course will receive an invoice approximately two months before the first meeting.

Course 11 Schedule

Course 12 Schedule (2026 - 2028) (*dates and venues TBC)

Meeting 1	Warsaw, Poland	September 2026
Meeting 2	Assmannshausen (near Frankfurt), Germany	November 2026
Meeting 3	Slovenia*	March 2027
Meeting 4	Spain*	October 2027
Meeting 5	Italy*	March 2028

Expectations

Your Commitment

Participation in Pancreas 2000 is both an honor and a commitment. We typically receive well over 100 applications for each course and only about 26 candidates are accepted.

If accepted to the program, you will be expected to participate in all five meetings and actively contribute to your project and related course work.

Before applying, please consider carefully if you can meet these requirements.

For Further Information

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