

International Capacity Building Opportunities: UICC as an Example

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International Collaboration (Training & Capacity Building)



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The Union for International Cancer Control

- Founded in 1933, oldest and largest global membership organization dedicated to taking action on cancer
- It has more than 1100 members in 170 countries
- UICC's mission is both to unite and support the cancer community in its efforts to reduce the global cancer burden, promote greater equity and ensure cancer control remains a priority on global health and development agenda
- Strong relationship and collaboration with IAEA,IARC,WHO etc..

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- One of UICC goals is to enhance capacity building, knowledge transfer and facilitate advanced training ,mainly through :

Fellowships programs

Virtual fellowships

Capacity Building

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UICC Technical Fellowships



UICC Fellowships available in 2024



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How Can you Apply ?

- Applications June to August
- Apply (UICC Application at UICC website)
 - # Decide on area of advanced training
 - # Find Host institution
 - # Submit application
- 60 days for decision
- You may start training up-to 6 months from acceptance

Duration of Technical fellowship	Maximum level of travel costs	Maximum level of living costs	Maximum level of funding possible	Maximum duration of no-cost extension
Two weeks	1,000 USD	1,200 USD	2,200 USD	Four weeks
Three weeks	1,000 USD	1,800 USD	2,800 USD	Six weeks
One month	1,000 USD	2,400 USD	3,400 USD	Eight weeks
Five weeks	1,000 USD	3,000 USD	4,000 USD	Eight weeks
Six weeks	1,000 USD	3,600 USD	4,600 USD	Eight weeks
Seven weeks	1,000 USD	4,200 USD	5,200 USD	Eight weeks
Two months	1,000 USD	4,800 USD	5,800 USD	Eight weeks

2023 results



Applications received in 2023

In total, **89 fellowship applications** were received from **29 countries** across four global regions:

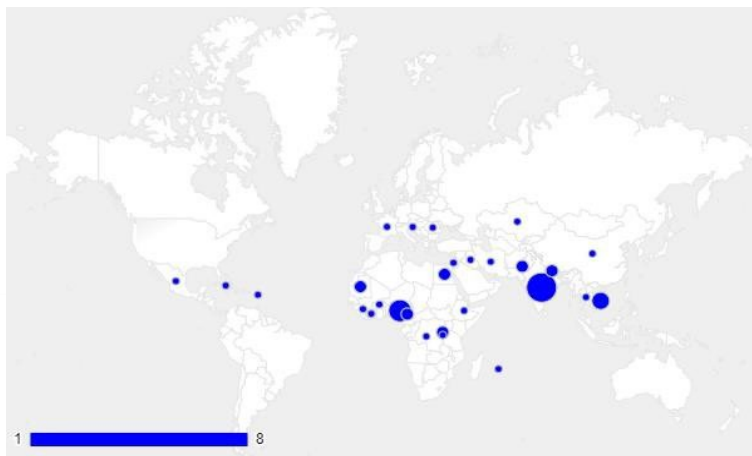
- **47** from the **Asia-pacific region**
- **25** from the **African**
- **11** from the **Eastern Mediterranean**
- **6** from the **Latin American region**



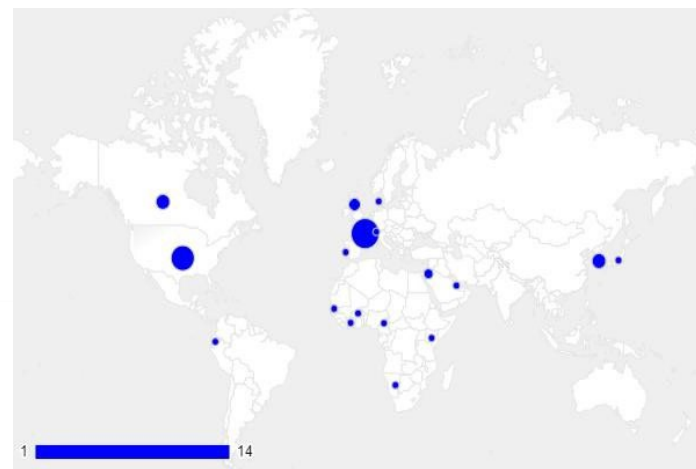
Dr. Madhani visited the Iridium Network,
University of Antwerp, Belgium

Fellowships Awarded in 2023

- **48 fellowships** were awarded to individuals from **29 countries**.
- **15 fellowships** were awarded
- **18 different countries hosted** awarded Fellows, with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Summer School in Lyon, France on cancer prevention and early detection in LMICs attracting **nine** Fellows planning visits in 2024.



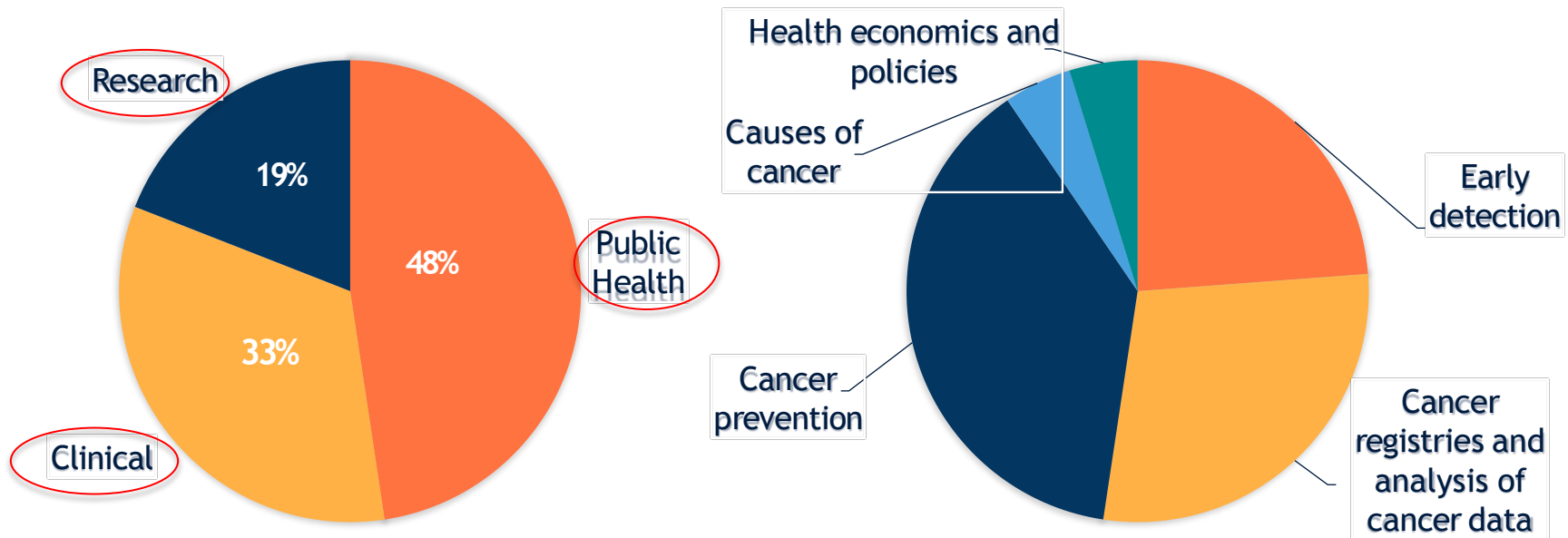
Home countries of Fellows



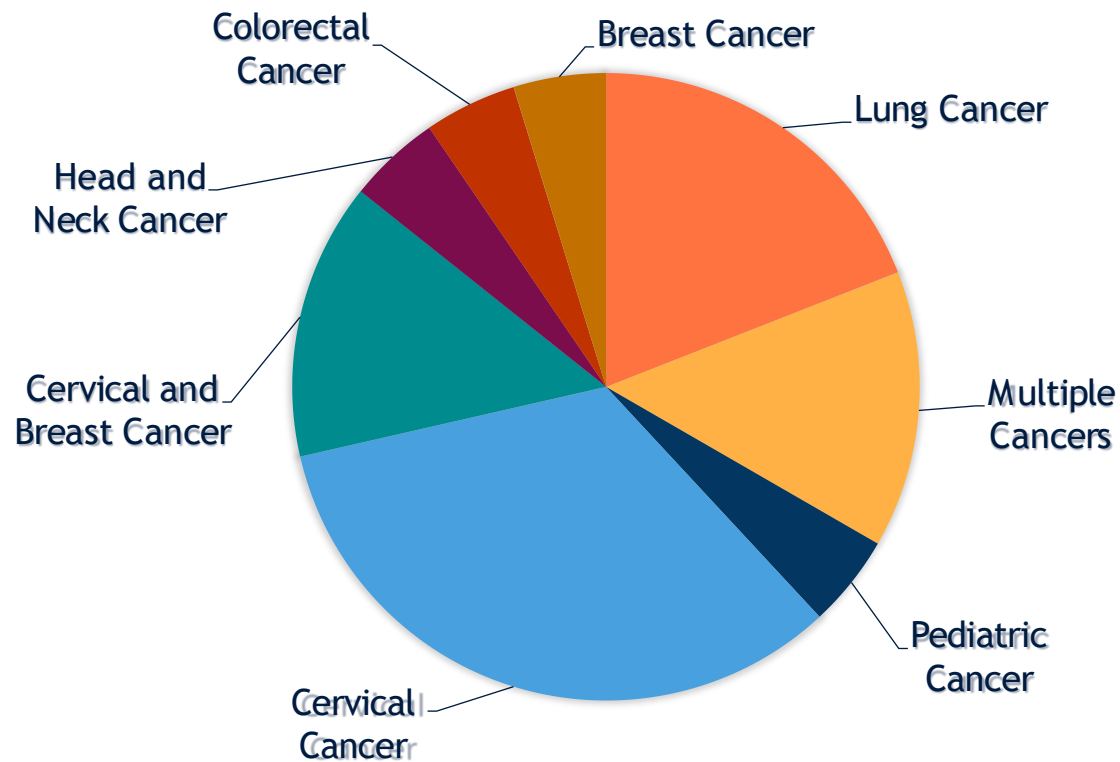
Host countries of Fellows

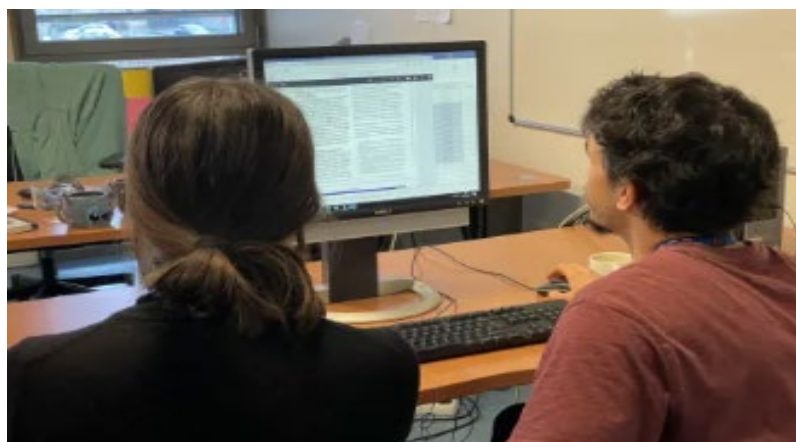
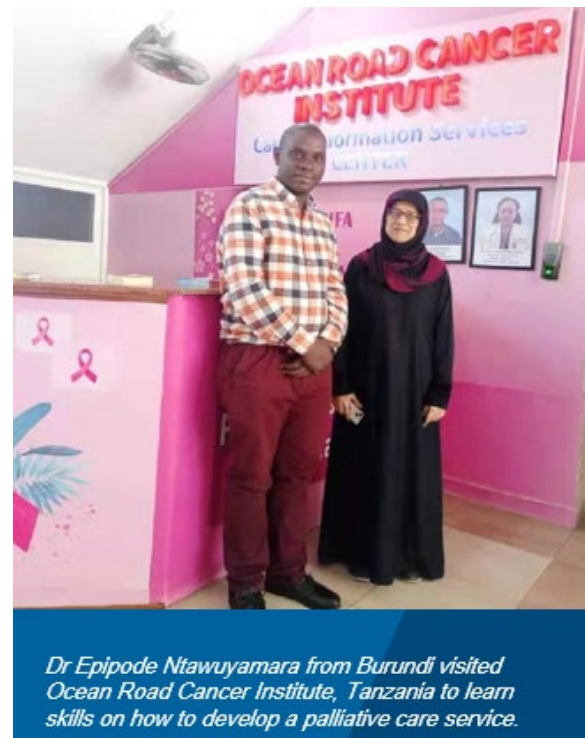
Types and topics of awarded fellowship projects of Technical fellowships

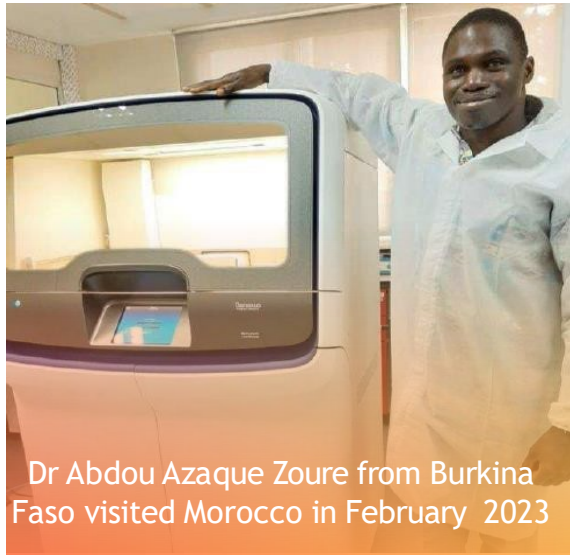
The 2023 Technical Fellowships call focused specifically on the topics of **cancer prevention and early detection**



Cancer types (Clinical) of awarded fellowships





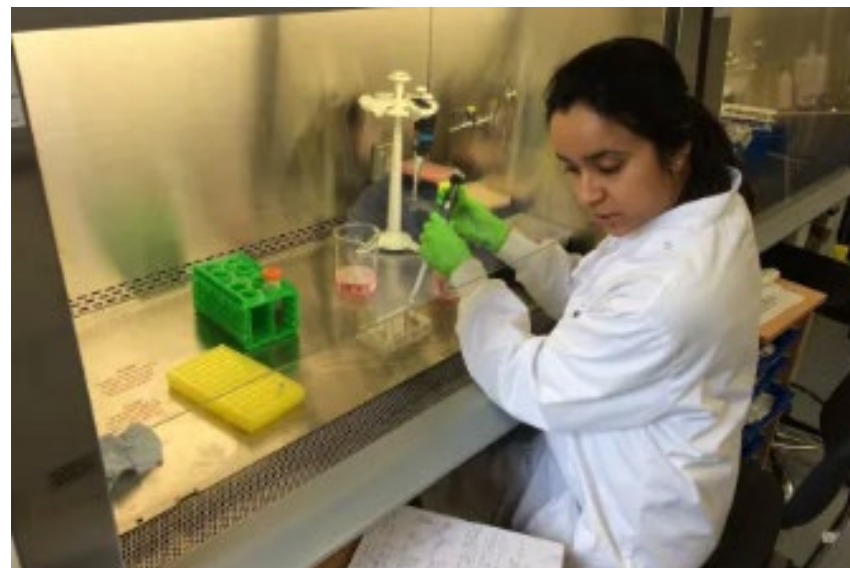


Dr Banda from Malawi visited Ocean Road Cancer Institute, Tanzania to learn techniques in cervical cancer elimination and treatment





Dr Kunal Oswal from India went to IARC, France for a project on breast, cervical and oral cancer screening policies and program organisation in the implementation of a cancer screening program in India.



Dr Bolanle Adegboya from Nigeria visited Memorial Sloan Kettering, New York, United States to learn techniques in 3D Brachytherapy for gynaecological cancers

Long-term Impact of Fellowship Visits

In 2023, 80 Fellows were surveyed a year or more after their fellowship visits.



99% Satisfaction

Fellows would recommend going on a fellowship visit to a colleague



93% Increased professional growth

Fellows considered the fellowship contributed positively to their professional growth, with 87% given greater responsibilities or a promotion as a result



81% Long-term collaborations

Fellows are still in contact with their host supervisor over a year after their fellowship visit



74% Positive impact on home institution

Fellows consider the fellowship led to an improvement in the quality of their organisation's cancer care services



81% Disseminated skills

Fellows shared the skills and knowledge gained during their fellowship visit with 10 or more colleagues



80% Positive impact on cancer patients

Fellows considered that the skills and knowledge gained during their fellowship had a positive impact (direct or indirect) on cancer patients

Virtual Fellowships

Fellowship conditions

Call timeframe	Apply any time from 1 February to 31 December 2024.
Target candidates	Cancer professionals working in research, public health or health service delivery at UICC member organisations.
Experts	If needed, UICC can provide support in identifying and contacting experts.
Duration	One month: minimum of four weekly one-hour video calls. Start date flexible, to be agreed upon with expert.
Eligibility	Eligible candidates must be employed by a UICC member organisation (students are not eligible), have the endorsement of their line manager/superior and at least five years' experience working in cancer control.



Program Partners

UICC would like to acknowledge the specific support of partners for this call.



Fellowships were also supported by UICC's breast cancer programme.



Conclusions

- # Well trained staff is corner stone in cancer compact
- # Regional and International collaborations is highly needed for capacity building
- # Importance of utilizing international opportunities
- # Networking is important (Twinning Programs)



Thank you

