

Young Oncology Academy: All year program

No	Task / Event	Date
1.	Meet and greet (virtually) Following to the confirmation of acceptance, a Microsoft Teams invitation will be sent to connect with one another.	March
2.	Mentee contacts his/her mentor Mentee will contact his/her mentor to discuss the appointments for the individual meetings.	April 01 - 30
3.	Compile your personal congress program Work with your mentor to prepare your personal program for the international Congress of your preference you want to visit. Your program should include a variety of different sessions, e.g. presidential symposia, educational sessions, poster discussions, poster presentations, controversy sessions and young oncologist master classes.	April 01 – August 31
4.	Plan your own trip to one of the mentioned congresses Start the early planning and booking of your congress visit. According to your interest you will attend either ESTRO, EHA, ESP or ESMO (exact dates mentioned below). Register as soon as possible and book travel and accommodation. As contractually agreed, Swiss Cancer Institute will reimburse expenses for your congress participation (incl. travel and accommodation) up to CHF 1,200 upon presentation of receipts. Please check the SCI expenses regulations before planning and contact events@swisscancerinstitute.ch in case of any questions.	April 01 – July 31
5.	Course on “Basic Statistics and Trial Development” in Berne (1 day) This course teaches the basics of trial design, protocol development and statistical consideration for clinical trials. The statistical part will cover different study designs and endpoints, type I and II error, clinically relevant differences, statistical power, p-values, Kaplan-Meier plots, hazard ratios, and data maturity and will include many examples to help the participants gain practical skills to interpret and assess clinical research results. The course will include a workshop part in which participants will design their own trial proposal with the help of the experts.	April 16
6.	Attend Swiss Cancer Institute project group meetings and other events Your mentor will introduce you to a Swiss Cancer Institute project group meeting at the semi-annual meeting in May or an in-between meeting in September so that you can familiarize yourself with the work of the Swiss Cancer Institute's research groups. You are also welcome to attend other continuing education events (such as onco-lunches) by arrangement with your mentor.	May 01 – Sept 30
7.	Course on “Grant Submission, Research Ethics and Patient and Public Involvement (PPI)” in Berne (1 day) The course provides practical guidance on preparing competitive grant applications, including Patient and Public Involvement (PPI). You will learn how to structure proposals, align with funding requirements and effectively engage stakeholders to enhance the relevance and impact of their research.	May 06

8.	ESTRO Congress, Stockholm (if applicable, i.a.) Attend the ESTRO Congress and meet your mentor.	May 15 - 19
9.	EHA Congress, Stockholm (i.a.) Attend the EHA Congress and meet your mentor.	June 11 - 14
10.	Presentation Skill Course in Zurich (1.5 days) This intensive training is designed to help participants refine their presentation techniques and build confidence in front of an audience. The course combines theory with practical exercises – how to structure a clear and compelling talk, use visuals effectively and engage listeners with voice, body language and storytelling.	June 24 - 25
11.	Writing skills course, Winterthur Cantonal Hospital (2 days) Attend the writing skills course at Winterthur Cantonal Hospital. Using an approach that is geared to real-life needs, this course will introduce you to “how to prepare for writing a paper”. Bring your own manuscripts. Winterthur Cantonal Hospital will send you an invitation a few weeks before the event.	August 27 - 28
12.	ESP Congress, Stockholm (i.a.) Attend the ESP Congress and meet your mentor.	Sept 12 - 16
13.	ESMO Congress, Madrid (i.a.) Attend the ESMO Congress and meet your mentor.	Oct 23 - 27
14.	Prepare slides for your presentation With your mentor’s aid, prepare your presentation on the highlights of the international Congress in your focus area. Your presentation should not last more than 15 minutes. The language for the PowerPoint slides and presentation is English.	Oct 01 – Nov 03
15.	Write a review paper Write a single-page review paper in English on the highlights of the international Congress in your focus area. Your mentor will be happy to help you if you have any questions.	Oct 01 – Nov 20
16.	First presentation at memox.world, Zurich Europaallee (0.5 day) Give your presentation to an audience of faculty members, Swiss Cancer Institute employees and sponsors, and obtain direct feedback. Please bring a USB stick containing your presentation in PowerPoint format to the meeting. You will receive an e-mail invitation to this event several weeks beforehand.	Nov 05
17.	Second presentation at SOHC, Basel Give your revised presentation to a larger audience at the SOHC in Basel. You will receive a separate invitation to the semi-annual meeting a few weeks beforehand (registration possibility will be free of charge). Attend a project group meeting at the SOHC Basel with your mentor.	Nov 18 - 20
18.	Submission date for your review paper E-mail your review paper as a Word file to events@swisscancerinstitute.ch by November 21 . Please ensure that your mentor has reviewed your paper before you submit it. Your review paper will then be published with those written by the other graduates in several journals.	Nov 21
19.	AS OF 2027 YOU WILL BE INVITED TO YOUR PREFERRED PROJECT GROUPS REGULARLY	