



# Junior Clinical Researcher Star Programme

You would like to **start or re-orient your career as clinical researcher**, but have no or only limited experience in this field? I am sure you will agree this is a very difficult, not to say impossible, mission to accomplish: most employers will require practical experience on the job before considering your application.

At ECCRT we realize that this situation limits the inflow of young, intelligent and motivated people. In trying to find a solution to unveil this pool of talent, we are happy to introduce the Junior Clinical Researcher STAR Programme. This programme has been developed, to increase young potentials chances of entering the amazing area of clinical research. Like all ECCRT STAR Programmes, this one is composed of a number of individual courses, to be followed within one year. This STAR programme is different from the others since it also includes practical traineeships throughout the year. The latter will give you the possibility to acquire practical experience in the field and thus a kick-start of a brand new career in clinical research!



#### Testimonial:

Karen Roels (Janssen - 2016):

The Junior Clinical Researcher Star Programme was a very interesting programme. It gave a great view on the different functions and possibilities within clinical research. The trainers were highly qualified and motivated which made the course personal and interactive.

As a junior in the clinical research sector, this programme gave me the perfect basis to start!

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### Courses

The courses included in the Junior Clinical Researcher STAR programme are selected to provide the essential competencies needed for you to start your career as a clinical research professional. The programme is composed of the following courses:

Course Title	#days	Location
Introduction to Clinical Research	eLearning	Virtual Campus
Orienting your career in Clinical Research	0.5	Brussels, Belgium
Basic Regulatory Requirements in Clinical Research	0.5	
ICH-GCP Training	1	
Clinical Research Training for Junior CRAs	2	
Communication Skills	1	

### **Traineeships Programme**

In order for you to gain practical experience, we have included **3 traineeship episodes** in this STAR Programme, running over 1 full year.

The 3 traineeship periods are each time in a different organisation: starting in a hospital followed by a pharmaceutical company and ending with a Contract Research Organisation (CRO). This allows you to get the complete overview of the clinical trial life cycle from the point of view of all stakeholders involved.

Throughout the traineeships, you will have a mentor at ECCRT to ensure that you accquire all required competencies. For this purpose, we use **our own Competency Framework** based on international and recognised standards.

Below a short description of what you will learn in each of these periods:



Hospital 2 months

How is clinical research conducted in real life? How does it affect a patient? What is the difference with the regular clinical practice?



Pharmaceutical Company 6 months

How are medicines developed? Where does Clinical Research fit in the complete development? Why is clinical research done differently from normal clinical practice?



Contract Research
Organisation

4 months

What activities need to be done in order to safeguard patients' rights and well-being and at the same time make sure that quality of data obtained in a clinical study is guaranteed?

**Programme Date**: All available sessions can be found on our website









