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Call for Digital Clinician Trialists

1 General information

In collaboration with the NCT/UCC Dresden and the Dresden School of Clinical Science, the EKFZ is launching a Digital Clinical Trialist Program, with a focus on artificial intelligence (AI) and bioinformatics in oncology. This program aims to train clinician scientists in the design and execution of AI-supported clinical trials and to facilitate the translation of digital research into clinical practice. Participants will be equipped to lead transformative developments in oncology research and practice, becoming key drivers in the implementation of AI-powered interventions and innovation in cancer care. The program offers support for attending seminars, training courses and topic-specific conferences. In addition, the participants will be associated to the Dresden School of Clinical Science.

Research projects will be conducted within the Kather Working Group and affiliated research groups, if required, to build a broad and interdisciplinary skill set in one or more of the following areas:

- Digital Health Technologies & AI
- Data Science, Bioinformatics & AI
- Clinical Trial Design & Management
- Translational Research
- Practical Experience
- Ethics & Regulation
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Selected participants—"Digital Clinical Trialists"—will be released from clinical duties for a period of 6 to 12 months by their respective clinical departments. During this time, they will engage in research and training activities in close collaboration with the Kather Working

Group. The program is open to all clinicians interested in Clinical AI who wish to expand their experience in this field.

2 Eligibility and Application Criteria

- The program is open to clinicians in training currently employed by the University Hospital Carl Gustav Carus.
- Employment contracts must remain valid throughout the release period.
- Written confirmation from the clinician's department is required, guaranteeing the release from clinical duties for 6 to 12 months.
- Applicants must include a CV that outlines their motivation for joining the program.
- A project proposal (1–2 pages) must describe the planned research project, including objectives and relevance to the focus areas listed above.

3 Funding framework

The program offers a flexible funding model:

- Funding period ends after a maximum of 12 months, preferred start date Q1/2026 and no later than April 1, 2026.
- The number of positions, extent of release (full- or part-time), and duration can be arranged flexibly (minimum 6 months).
- A travel budget is available if not all funds are allocated to personnel costs.
- Participants are paid by NCT/UCC Dresden according to their current payment through personnel cost reimbursement ("Personalkostenerstattung", PKE)
- Research will be carried out within the **Kather Working Group**.

4 Templates & Deadlines

Please use the provided templates for your project summary and CV available on the **EKFZ and NCT/UCC Dresden homepage**. The project description should be 1-2 A4 pages (Arial, 11 pt, standard margins). References do not count toward the page limit.

Required documents:

- CV using the **CV_Template_Digital Clinical Trialist**
- Project description
- Written statement from your clinical department confirming the agreed release period

We kindly ask you to submit your application by **23.10.2025**. Promising proposals will be funded until the budget is exhausted.

Please send your complete application to: **ekfz@tu-dresden.de**