

Application

Graduate students

If you wish to apply for a “Melanie and Eduard zur Hausen” fellowship for your Ph.D studies, please visit our website: www.dkfz.de/phd

Here you will find more information about the PhD Program and details of how to submit your application online, including the deadlines for the next selection.

Post doctoral positions

If you wish to apply for a “Melanie and Eduard zur Hausen” fellowship for a PostDoc position, please email your C.V. and a cover letter to higs@dkfz.de.

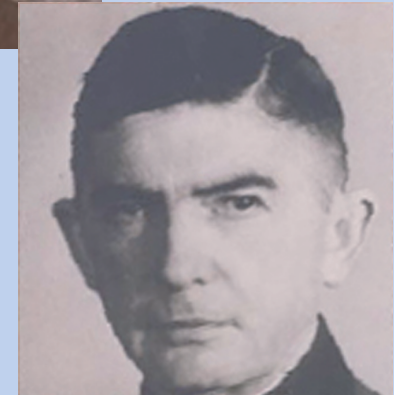
In the cover letter you should include details of the research group you are interested in joining and why, and the contact details of two referees.

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In 2008 I was one of the lucky laureates of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in Stockholm. This most pleasant event was the result of our long-ongoing research into the role of infectious components in human cancer, culminating in the identification of the major papillomavirus types that cause cervical cancer. The development of a vaccine, now being administered to protect young women against the essential precursor lesions of cervical cancer, is one practical translation of these initially basic molecular studies.



Due to the generous support of the Management Board of the Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum (DKFZ; German Cancer Research Center), a foundation has been established that provides us with the possibility to support graduate students or young postdocs who are seeking to either accomplish their Ph. D. or Dr. sc. hum. degree during a three-year period at the DKFZ, or who are interested in joining the research activities at the DKFZ.



I was asked to define a name and the aims of these stipends. After a short consideration I decided to preferentially award them to applicants from the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania). The reasoning behind this is the origin of my own mother, who was born and raised in Riga, and the great interest both of my parents took in the development of those Baltic States. In memory of both of them (see cover), who decisively influenced my own career, I named this foundation the “Melanie und Eduard zur Hausen Stiftung”.

At the core of the DKFZ are its young scientists. The International Graduate School recognizes that doctoral students make an important contribution to the Center’s achievements and, we hope, encourages you to apply to join their ranks. If successful, you will take up a place in a community where cross-disciplinary research is the order of the day, where like (and very able) minds engage in cutting-edge work to discover the many facets and nuances of a disease that has been in existence since our own evolution.

Starting in 2009, we are offering graduate student/post doctoral fellowships. If you are from one of the Baltic States or their vicinity, we encourage you to apply to the DKFZ for a Melanie and Eduard zur Hausen Fellowship.

Harald zur Hausen

Professor Harald zur Hausen



Professor Harald zur Hausen is the winner of the 2008 Nobel Prize for Medicine for discovering human papillomaviruses that cause cervical cancer. Former Scientific Director, Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum (DKFZ; German Cancer Research Center) from 1983 to 2003