# Robotic Supermicrosurgery: Brussels Lymphedema Fellowship

The Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at UZ Brussel Belgium, in partnership with MMI, is proud to offer a 3-month clinical fellowship focusing on the revolutionary field of robotic lymphedema surgery.

This program provides advanced clinical training with the Symani® Surgical System, designed for surgeons aspiring to excel in robotic micro-and supermicrosurgery.

## **Selection committee**

# **Fellowship Director:**

• Prof. Moustapha Hamdi MD, PhD

# **Scientific Committee:**

- Prof. Moustapha Hamdi MD, PhD Chairman
- Prof. Alex Nistor MD, PhD -Robotic Microsurgery Specialist
- Ayush Kapila, MD –Local committee

# **Program highlights**

Under the mentorship of Prof. Hamdi, Prof. Alexandru Nistor, and their expert team, fellows will gain:

- Training certification for the Symani Surgical System
- Hands-on experience in robotic techniques for lymphedema treatment
- Exposure to advanced imaging and diagnostics for lymphedema
- Insight into integrating robotic surgery into multidisciplinary care, including preoperative planning and postoperative care
- Opportunities to participate in cutting-edge research aimed at improving surgical outcomes

# **Program details**

- Duration: 3 months
- Location: University Hospital UZ Brussel, Belgium, a global LE&RN Center of Excellence
- Requirements: Completion of recognized plastic surgery training program, at least 1-year microsurgical experience, and commitment to developing a robotic lymphedema surgery program at your home institution

# How to apply

Prepare the following documents:

- CV with a personal photo
- Letter of motivation
- Diploma of the most recent degree
- Proof of clinical microsurgical activity
- Two letters of recommendation

## **Funding**

The fellowship includes:

- Housing and flights costs (up to 4000 Euro)
- Microsurgical training fees

- Scientific events participation cost
- Administrative fees and malpractice insurance

# 2025 edition details:

Robotic Supermicrosurgery: Brussels Lymphedema Fellowship 2025 Program details

• Duration: 3 months: April, May, and June 2025

• Submission deadline: March 1, 2025

• Awardee will be announced by March 15, 2025

# The Brussels Breast Fellowship

The department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Brussels University Hospital is proposing a 3-month clinical fellowship.

# **Fellowship Director**

Prof. Moustapha Hamdi MD, PhD

#### **Scientific Committee**

Prof. Moustapha Hamdi MD, PhD – Chairman

Prof. Alex Nistor MD, PhD – Lymph Clinic Coordinator

Prof. Randy De Baerdemaeker MD – Local Coordinator

Dr. Karl Waked MD – Local Coordinator

## Site

Brussels University Hospital Laerbeek Avenue 101 – 1090 Brussels – Belgium

#### **Benefits**

The total of 4000€, generously sponsored by Polytech Health & Aesthetic GmbH is divided into:

- 3-month fellowship
- Scholarship of up to 1000€/month
- Participation to various scientific events up to 500€
- Administrative fee of 500€ to be paid to the Hamdi Foundation
- The fellowship can be used as the prerequisite clinical immersion before applying for the MRBS-RMES master degrees organised in collaboration with the University Autonoma de Barcelona (UAB)

## The Clinical Fellowship starts yearly in February and runs for 3 months in Brussels.

Prof. Hamdi and his team provide a large experience with a broad spectrum of clinical and research filed in breast surgery. It is an intensive and comprehensive module of refinement in both reconstructive and aesthetic surgery. All types of breast reconstruction will be covered including autogenous (pedicled flaps, free flaps and perforator flaps) implant breast reconstruction, and oncoplastic approaches to breast cancer.

Various techniques of breast reduction and mastopexy together with implant breast augmentation procedures will be exposed by the different staff members of the department. In addition, the department manage many referral cases for revision breast surgery. Fat grafting for both reconstructive and aesthetic is a daily practice. Finally, the fellow will join the multidisciplinary approach to lymphedema with the lymph clinic.

## **Eligibility**

Last year training of post-graduate level (maximum 2 years after qualification) in either plastic surgery or breast surgery with academic excellence.

# **Required documents**

- CV including a personal picture
- Letter of motivation
- Diploma of the most recent degree
- Recommendation letters

# **Research Opportunities**

The fellowship supervisors are leaders in clinical breast research and there are many opportunities for participating in ongoing research or beginning new research projects.

#### Contact

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## 2027 edition details:

www.hamdi.foundation

The Brussels Breast Fellowship 2027 Program details

• Duration: 3 months: February, March and April 2027

• Submission deadline: April 30th, 2026

• Awardee will be announced by May 2026