

Please submit this completed application form via email to both mariano.rocchi@uniba.it and schinzel@medgen.uzh.ch.

Applicants must have **at least one year experience** in clinical genetics or in a genetics laboratory, either in cytogenetics or molecular genetics.

Once we receive your application form, we will notify you regarding the **acceptance**, and provide details about the payment of the registration fee.

The administration of the Goldrain course is managed by a non-profit association **Scuola Europea di Citogenetica (SEC)**, located in Bari, Italy. SEC members are exempt from paying VAT on the registration fee. For that reason, if you are accepted for the course, we will ask you to become a member of the association (for a nominal fee of €1,00 which you can ignore).

The **41** available spots will be allocated on **first come** (=first to pay) - **first served** basis. In 2024 all spots were filled by mid-April.

The registration fee covers:

- Accommodation for 8 nights, including all meals and coffee breaks, from dinner on August 25 to breakfast on September 2.
- **Travel costs are not included.** However, you will receive an electronic pass that allows unlimited use of public transportation in the Trentino-Alto Adige region for 7 days after activation. You will still have to pay the City tax (approximately €2.50 per night) when you are in Goldrain.
- A free shuttle service will be provided from the Goldrain railway station to the castle (a 15-minute walk) on your arrival and departure.

Scholarship application* – deadline: April 30, 2025

A number of scholarships will be offered; these are primarily reserved for students from countries with a Gross Domestic Product *per capita* below the average (**21.483 US\$**; see <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD>). Applicants from other countries must sign a document declaring their monthly income, in Euros or US Dollars.

The actual number of scholarships will depend on the amount of available dedicated funds. The scholarship will fully cover the registration fee. **Travel costs are not included.**

Those who wish to apply should send the following documents to mariano.rocchi@uniba.it and schinzel@medgen.uzh.ch:

- A short curriculum vitae including a list of publications, posters and lectures (this is not a condition for acceptance)
- A letter of support from a mentor/head of the department of cytogenetics or clinical genetics.
- A signed document declaring the monthly income in Euros or US Dollars.
- A letter of application stating the reasons for wishing to participate in the course. The applicants must also confirm that, if awarded a scholarship, they will attend the course, thereby ensuring that the scholarship is not blocked for other applicants.

***IMPORTANT.** The decision will be finalized by mid-May. If you do not receive a scholarship, you will have the option to register at the full fee, **provided spots are still available.**