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## Nationales Centrum für Tumorerkrankungen Dresden (NCT/UCC)

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### NCT/UCC Dresden Call: Masterclass 2027

NCT/UCC Dresden opens a call for **Masterclass 2027** for clinical/medical trialists with an oncology background who are in the early to mid-stage of their careers and seek targeted qualifications in academically driven, translational clinical studies in oncology.

The NCT has established this intensive qualification course, held for the second time in 2027, to bring together participants from all NCT locations, the DKTK, and leading oncology centers outside the NCT. The Masterclass focuses on competence building in the design and implementation of innovative patient-centered, high-quality, translational clinical studies in cancer medicine. The course offers a structured training platform with support from experienced experts for the development or finalizing of a study protocol, with the perspective of submission in the NCT Overarching Clinical Translational Trial (OCT2) program. The training includes aspects such as case number estimation, feasibility analysis, and budget calculation. In addition, the course aims to promote interdisciplinary exchange and enable nationwide networking among research-oriented physicians. Initial details about the content of the Masterclass 2027 can be found [here](#).

The Masterclass 2027 will take place from January 18-22, 2027, at the Hotel Kaiserhof in Eisenach. In addition to the in-person sessions, there will be short virtual events in advance, including an initial meet-and-greet and selected specialist presentations. The aim is to enable participants to interact with each other for the first time and build a common knowledge base already prior to the course.



Applicants should meet the following criteria:

- NCT/UCC Dresden clinician trialists / medical trialists (including Physicians in residency or specialist training, Clinician Scientists, PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers, Junior Group Leaders and Early-Career Principal Investigators) involved in cancer research of all sponsoring institutions are eligible to apply
- high level of motivation for clinical cancer research with strong interest in academically driven, clinical translational cancer studies (ideally illustrated by publications and third-party funded projects)
- interest and/or experience in developing an own study idea into a synopsis
- first experiences in clinical studies, preferably with prior knowledge in study design, GCP certification would be considered (If no GCP certificate is available, the necessary GCP knowledge should be acquired before the Masterclass.)

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Your application should contain the following documents:

- short outline of the trial idea (please use the attached template)
- letter of motivation describing your relevant experience, professional training, and research interests related to clinical studies, as well as your motivation for working in this field
- curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)

Please send your proposal by the **26.08.2026** to Dr. Karoline Laske ([karoline.laske@nct-dresden.de](mailto:karoline.laske@nct-dresden.de)). The proposals will be evaluated by the members of the local NCT Education and Training committee. We recognize that the application period falls during the summer holiday season, when many individuals may be away on vacation.

Should you foresee any difficulties in meeting the application deadline as a result of holiday-related absences, please contact Karoline Laske at the earliest opportunity, and no later than 7 August 2026. Early notification will enable us to assess the situation and consider appropriate arrangements where possible.

For questions regarding the process or the criteria of the call, please contact Dr. Karoline Laske.