

## Abel Tasman Summer of Research 2026

### ISCOMS & Research Internship

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## Overview

In 2026, the Graduate School of Medical Sciences (GSMS) at the University of Groningen/ University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG) will once again offer sponsorship for the Summer of Research (SoR) program to students from its selected international Partners.

The program consists of:

1. Participation in ISCOMS (1–4 June 2026)
2. A research internship from 8 June 2026

Students may participate in one or both components.

The GSMS sponsorship is designed to support students from academic partners who intend to apply to an [ATTP Sandwich PhD position](#), or who are considering an externally funded research master's or (sandwich) PhD program.

We welcome applications from:

- Master's students or graduates
- Early-stage PhD candidates

### 1. ISCOMS (1–4 June 2026)

ISCOMS is one of the world's leading (bio)medical student congresses, featuring student presentations, keynote lectures, and hands-on workshops.

- Students can apply by submitting an abstract directly through the ISCOMS website ([www.iscoms.com](http://www.iscoms.com)) by **11 January 2026**.
- All students submitting an abstract will receive a GSMS survey link during the week of 12 January 2026. Completion of the survey is required by **1 February 2026**. The GSMS will then select a number of students for sponsorship to attend ISCOMS.
- Note that ISCOMS may charge a €20 application fee. This fee will be reimbursed by ISCOMS for GSMS-sponsored students who attend the conference.

**Note:** GSMS sponsorship is not limited to students whose submitted abstract is selected by ISCOMS. GSMS may sponsor candidates who:

- meet the GSMS sponsorship selection criteria, as evaluated through the survey due 1 February 2026, and
- have permission from their home university to participate in ISCOMS (if applicable).

### 2. Research Internship (from 8 June 2026 onwards)

Students may undertake a research internship in a UMCG department aligned with their interests.

- Applications for the GSMS-coordinated Research Internship must be submitted by **1 February 2026**, following the instructions on the SoR webpage. This requires submitting the following documents to GSMS:

- A Research Interest Request Form, available for download at [www.groningenbiomed.com/SoR2026](http://www.groningenbiomed.com/SoR2026)
- An English-language CV
- If applicable, a statement of approval from the home university confirming the student's eligibility to undertake the mobility
- Standard duration is 4 weeks, extendable up to a maximum of 90 days total stay in Europe with additional (external, non-GSMS) funding and supervisor approval.
- Alternatively, students may apply to an International Research Fellowship (IRF) coordinated through ISCOMS 8–18 June 2026. The GSMS has no involvement in the IRF and candidates should follow instructions on the ISCOMS website.

Note that placement for the Research Internship cannot be guaranteed. It depends on:

- Availability of relevant research expertise
- Approval of a UMCG hosting supervisor, which includes an online interview
- Approval from the Partner University

GSMS aims to match students to research groups that fit their academic interests. Because this process requires significant time and coordination, late applications cannot be considered.

## What GSMS Covers

### 1. ISCOMS Support:

- Full coverage of ISCOMS fees for Partner students who submitted an abstract, completed the survey by 1 February 2026, and were selected by the GSMS (whether accepted or rejected by ISCOMS).
- Optional coverage for non-presenting participants upon Partner request.

### 2. Research Internship Support:

- ATTP Research Internship: Research Voucher up to €1,300 for a four-week internship (adjusted for different durations). Only available to selected students who submitted their Research Internship form and CV by **1 February 2026**.

It is possible to only participate in either ISCOMS or the Research Internship.

## Summer Schools

The GSMS may cover Summer School fees for selected students, subject to a formal request from partner institutions. The dates and list of Summer Schools for 2026 have not yet been announced. Interested Partners are encouraged to regularly check the [Summer Schools dedicated page](#) for updates.

## More Information

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