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**The European Virtual Magic Wand® Program**

Clinicians are in the front-lines of helping patients, yet rarely in today’s health care environment are clinicians trained or encouraged to be on the front-lines of medical innovation. A major obstacle to clinician led innovation is lack of formal education about the process of innovation and a framework on how clinicians can identify unmet clinical needs. **The European Virtual Magic Wand® Program** offers a unique opportunity for clinicians interested in product and service innovation in dermatology. Each element of the program is designed to educate, inspire, and connect the next generation of clinician innovators in Europe, to identify and solve unmet needs in dermatology. The program is an offshoot of the **Magic Wand® Initiative** started at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)-Harvard Medical School Teaching Hospital and Department of Dermatology, to empower clinical faculty to engage in problem-driven research and innovation, which has been very successful ([Magic Wand JAMA Dermatology paper](https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamadermatology/article-abstract/2605773)).

The goal of the European Virtual Magic Wand® Program is to adopt and implement MGH’s Virtual Magic Wand® innovation curriculum that empowers and educates clinician on the process of identifying unmet needs, deeply understanding the problem and framing the problem in such way that makes is possible to find practical solutions. We will aim to connect clinicians interested in working on solving the problems they have identified with industry and nonprofit organizations to continue solving the problems.

**The Program**

The European Virtual Magic Wand® (EVMW) program is a 12-month instructive and interactive course, which culminates with the submission of a white paper from each participant group that thoroughly describes a specific clinical problem or critical barrier to progress in the field of dermatology. Clinicians will participate in 11-monthly teleconferences led by the EVMW program directors to identify, vet and define problems worth solving. Clinicians are expected to attend 80% of the teleconferences if selected to the program.

During the course the clinicians are also exposed to the basics of Intellectual Property, regulatory and commercial considerations of product development, and how to create an effective pitch deck. Each teleconference will be 1-2 hours in length, depending on the session, and will be held once a month on Thursdays at 6:00 pm CET (Central European Time). Submission of a white paper is required at the conclusion of the program and is expected to define why the problem identified is worth solving, current solutions (if any) and why the current solutions are insufficient to support meaningful progress toward solving the problem, and who would directly benefit from progress in the area.

The focus of the EVMW program is on identifying problems rather than developing solutions. With that said, participants should understand that the EVMW program is a public, non-confidential forum and should take that into consideration before sharing non-public and potentially patentable ideas. If you have questions or concerns about sharing ideas in the EVMW forum, please discuss with your organization’s technology transfer office or counsel before sharing. Participation and disclosure is completely voluntary.

Individuals with a passion for innovation and problem-driven research, and those interested in identifying new strategies and solutions with potential to significantly impact dermatologic health are encouraged to apply.

**Submission Guidelines**

* Dermatology residents, fellows, and clinicians at all levels are eligible to apply
* Application window will open January 5, 2021. Deadline for submission is February 15, 2021
* All applicants will be notified by March 15, 2021.
* Font size should be no less than size 11 and answers should conform to the word limits for each question
* Program will start in April of 2021 and will be completed in March of 2022
* All submission components listed must be received before the deadline for the application to be eligible for review

**Submission Components & Process**

Applications should be submitted via email and send to [info@MagicWandInitiative.org](mailto:info@MagicWandInitiative.org). Each submission must include the following:

* A completed application form in PDF format
* A curriculum vitae of the applicant in PDF format
* A letter of support from a Program Director, Principal Investigator or Department Chair which includes an acknowledgment of the requirement of the clinician to attend the monthly teleconferences, in PDF form

A written agreement, defining the basic conditions for clinicians’ responsibilities, will be entered between EVMW program participants once selected.

**Review Criteria**

All submitted proposals will be evaluated by a Review Committee comprised of individuals carefully chosen for their knowledge and experience in research, product development and clinical practice. All valid applications will be reviewed and ranked using the following standard criteria:

* Suitability of the applicant’s credentials, training, knowledge, skills and experience as it relates to dermatology
* Evidence of the applicant’s interest in innovation, entrepreneurism, or problem solving

Additionally, applicants may be invited to present a brief overview of their qualifications and interest in the EVMW program to the Review Committee.

**Questions:**

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns: info@magicwandinitiative.org

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**European Virtual Magic Wand Class Application**

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| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: DATE: |

1. Personal Statement (500 words or less)

Provide a summary of your educational and professional experience, career goals, as well as what has driven you to apply to the EVMW Program.

1. Participation Statement (250 words or less)

Discuss what you hope to gain from participating in the VMW Program and how you envision your experience impacting your career path.

1. Passion Statement (100 words or less)

Provide a brief statement of a therapeutic area, clinical problem, practice area, or patient population that you are passionate about bringing innovative dermatologic solutions to.

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You are being provided with this Notice to European Union EVMW Applicants Regarding Personal Data Processing Activities (“Notice”) because program leaders from Massachusetts General Hospital, a member of Mass General Brigham (collectively, “Institution”), have invited you to apply to the European Virtual Magic Wand® Program (“Program”). In connection with your application to, and potential participation in, the Program, your Personal Data (as defined below) may be Processed (as defined below) by (i) Institution; (ii) Institution’s affiliates; (iii) Institution’s research partners, contractors and vendors; and/or (iv) by other people or groups if required by law (“Third Parties”). This Notice is provided to you for compliance with the European Union data privacy regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 that went into effect 25 May 2018 (“GDPR”). This Notice provides details on how your Personal Data will be Processed and the rights you have with respect to your Personal Data.

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