

## **TRAINING BURSARY PROGRAMME REPORT (2021)**

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Training bursary program destination: Policlinic of Rheumatology & Hiller Research Unit, Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf (UDUS) (Düsseldorf)

### **1) What was the motivation to apply for training in this Centre?**

I was curious about learning German (but I couldn't speak properly) and I had heard that Düsseldorf was one of the biggest SLE center so I decided to apply.

### **2) How the objectives were fulfilled by the training?**

We spent time in outpatient clinic and had an opportunity to see their clinical approach and also we saw capillaroscopy and joint USG

### **3) What are the main opportunities / strengths this centre offers for future applicants?**

If they are a new rheumatology fellow, they can see more connective tissue disease patients and also they can see how a SLE clinic could be designed.

### **4) Practical advice for future applicants to the SLEuro training bursary**

A good prepared CV and a genuine letter will be enough for application but before that they should decide whether the center is suitable for their expectations. For example our center gave us a clinical approach but I don't recommend anyone who couldn't speak or understand German fluently to visit that center because their discussions about patients were all in German and also we were not able to do a research project because of language barrier I was upset that I couldn't understand and speak German fluently.