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To mark the World Cancer Day 2025, Fondazione Gianni Bonadonna, with Prada Group as supporting partner, and the European School of Oncology are pleased to announce the winners of the ‘Gianni Bonadonna Fellowship’ 2024. For a one-year period, three talented young doctors will pursue abroad their research projects in Oncology.

Fondazione Gianni Bonadonna, with the Prada Group as supporting partner, and the European School of Oncology are pleased to announce the three winners of the renewed International Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship Program in memory of Gianni Bonadonna, one of the founding fathers of medical oncology. In this World Cancer Day 2025, it is a pleasure to celebrate the awardees Luca Boscolo Bielo, Marianna Palazzo and Federica Pecci. During a one-year period, they will be trained and will work on their research projects in renowned international oncology institutes, contributing to find new hopes of cure for many cancer patients affected.



Luca Boscolo Bielo is a medical oncology fellow at the European Institute of Oncology and the University of Milan. His proposed project will be conducted at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, and will be focused on understanding how tumor clonality may modulate the sensitivity and acquired resistance to targeting ESR1 in metastatic, hormone-receptor-positive breast cancers. The project aims to better stratify patients who are likely to benefit from targeted treatments, unveiling poorly defined mechanisms of resistance to optimize treatment strategies and improve clinical outcomes.



Marianna Palazzo graduated with honors in Medicine from the University of Perugia and has just completed the Hematology residency at the University of Florence. Throughout her training, she has focused on clinical and laboratory aspects of aggressive lymphomas. Since the beginning of 2024, Dr. Palazzo has collaborated with the laboratory of Dr. Margaret Shipp at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute of Boston, where she will continue her work as a postdoctoral researcher. Her awarded project aims to characterize the genetic and microenvironmental signatures of extranodal diffuse large B-cell lymphomas, that have poor outcomes and represent an unmet medical need, with the goal of revealing subtype-specific novel therapeutic targets.

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Federica Pecci is a Medical Oncologist from the University of Parma, currently based at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Lowe Center for Thoracic Oncology of Boston. She has focused her research over the past three years on non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) harboring genomic alterations of MET and on the identification of biomarkers of response and resistance to immunotherapy in advanced NSCLC. The focus of her project is to characterize the clinicopathologic, genomic and immunophenotypic factors associated with efficacy of chemoimmunotherapy in resectable NSCLC to define biomarkers that can support patient stratification in clinical practice and related tailored therapeutic strategy in the perioperative setting.

*"After four editions, we are very pleased of the growing and eager participation in this initiative, as well as the very high quality of the projects evaluated. The 'Gianni Bonadonna Fellowship' has become a real mark for young doctors who want to meet the challenge of research in oncology. The Foundation is honored to keep pursuing, year after year, the opportunity of supporting researchers in their path to become physician-scientists. – says **Luca Gianni**, President of Fondazione Gianni Bonadonna".*

*Considering the enthusiastic participation of young doctors in this initiative and the very high quality of the assessed projects, **Fondazione Gianni Bonadonna, with the support of the Prada Group, and the European School of Oncology are excited to announce the Call for "Gianni Bonadonna" Fellowship 2025.***

The full Call will be published in the upcoming months on the institutional website of FGB.



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Fondazione Gianni Bonadonna (www.fondazionebonadonna.org) was launched to honor and pursue the legacy of Gianni Bonadonna, founding father of modern oncology who developed key new therapies for women with breast cancer and patients with lymphomas. Fondazione Gianni Bonadonna's mission is to promote therapeutic innovation from the earliest phases of research and support the education of new generations of physician-scientists in oncology.

Prada Group - The Prada Group is socially engaged to contribute to the sustainable development of the communities and stimulate the cultural debate in all its forms of expression. The Group partners with recognized players and international entities to develop educational and training programs, value talent, support scientific research, foster women's empowerment, and promote local culture and artistic heritage. The Prada Group operates in the luxury sector through the Prada, Miu Miu, Church's, Car Shoe, Marchesi 1824 and Luna Rossa brands.

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