**Background**

“La Cantera” is a course that takes inspiration from the famous La Cantera of F.C. Barcelona, which is well known for regularly recruiting promising young “talents” and having a respectable record for producing “champions”.

Inspired by La Cantera, the disease-oriented special coaching originally developed by Prof Massimo Federico (EHA Lymphoma Group) to train young hematologists on clinical research, creating networks of young scientists in the field of Lymphomas, has generated fruitful collaborations to further investigate clinical research on these specific hematologic conditions.

EHA would like to try this format and organize La Cantera by other SWGs. The pilot project includes 1 additional La Cantera to be organized in September-October 2025.

**Application form**

1. Name of SWG \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of SWG Chair (Vice-Chair) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Relevant research topic in the specific area of hematology (topic and objective, max 500 words)

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1. A draft program addressing clinical research and how to achieve excellence in trial design and execution, in line with the proposed topic (please see the structure of the course on our [La Cantera coaching page](https://staging.ehaweb.org/research/swg/la-cantera-coaching/))

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1. A coach identified among world-class leaders in clinical research, who must also be a good communicator/medical educator (you should discuss previously with these persons if they are available in September-November 2025. You can propose 2-3 coaches in line with the proposed topic)

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1. Possible dates for La Cantera in September-November 2025 (please oversee from your experience possible overlaps with other activities)

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1. By signing this proposal I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ commit to ensuring full SWG support in organizing La Cantera, promoting this event, and following up with the participants 1 year after the event

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please send the filled-in form to swgs@ehaweb.org by **November 30, 2024.**