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## D-ECCO Travel Award Fact Sheet

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The European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO) offers Travel Awards as an opportunity for dietitians in IBD to visit different Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Centres in Europe, and to observe and learn about diet and nutrition in IBD. Dietitians in IBD have the possibility to:

- visit a centre in another country OR
- visit a different centre located in their own country.

One D-ECCO Travel Award may be awarded in 2022.

In order to be eligible:

- D-ECCO Travel Award applicants and their host supervisors need to be ECCO Members at the time of application.
- D-ECCO Travel Awards are not limited to applicants from ECCO Member countries. Applicants from non-European countries have to clearly state the impact of the proposed project on the IBD Community.
- The candidate and host supervisor should have a reasonable command of the English language (written and oral).
- D-ECCO Travel Awards aim to enhance the opportunity for dietitians in IBD to visit European centres. They are not designed to support travel to congresses or meetings.
- The principal purpose of the Travel Awards is to enhance the fabric of ECCO. Exceptional circumstances such as an applicant from an ECCO Member Country travelling to a non-member country will be considered, but such an application is likely to receive a lower priority than an applicant from a member/non-member country visiting an ECCO Member Country.
- Members from all ECCO Committees are excluded from applying.
- Applicants can apply for only one ECCO Award category per annual application round.

Terms of submission

1. A total of EUR 1.500 will be awarded per D-ECCO Travel Award.
2. The duration of the award is of a minimum of 2 weeks and maximum 3 months. D-ECCO needs to be informed about the duration of the stay.
3. Send an application **by August 2** using the [ECCO Fellowships and Grants Online Submission Pages](#):
  - CV of the applicant
  - Provide a confirmation letter from the Head of Department of the hosting centre.
  - Provide a confirmation letter from the Head of Department of the home employer/institute.
  - The purpose of the visit needs to be stated in detail and clear learning objectives need to be provided.
4. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications in **October**. Payment will be processed before **December 31**, contingent upon the signing of the ECCO Travel Award form.

5. A synopsis of the project of max. 150-words is to be submitted upon completion of the D-ECCO Award and no later than 12 months after receiving the award. The synopsis is to be submitted to the ECCO Office for publication in ECCO News. For report templates, please contact the ECCO Office at [ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu). Additionally, the D-ECCO Travel awardee can be asked to give a short presentation about the D-ECCO Travel Award experience at the annual D-ECCO Educational Workshop at the ECCO Congress.

### **Review Process**

1. All applications are reviewed and scored by D-ECCO Committee Members based on the following criteria:
  - Relevance of topic
  - Personal development opportunity
  - Impact for ECCO
2. The Scientific Committee of ECCO (SciCom) and the D-ECCO Committee make recommendations to the ECCO Governing Board.
3. The final decision is made by the ECCO Governing Board.

### **Scoring System**

The following procedure for the scoring system for D-ECCO Travel Awards has been agreed on:

1. *Review by D-ECCO:* Each Travel Award application from Dietitians in IBD will be reviewed by two members of D-ECCO and confirmed by SciCom, and will be scored according to the three evaluation criteria.
2. *Ranking:* Applications are ranked according to their average scores.
3. *Final approval:* By the ECCO Governing Board.
4. *Acceptance/rejection letters:* The ECCO Office will inform all D-ECCO Travel Award applicants of the outcome of their applications.