
ECCO Travel Award Fact Sheet

The European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO) offers Travel Awards as an opportunity for young investigators to visit different Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) centres in Europe, to learn scientific techniques or to become clinical observers.

In order to be eligible, the candidate must:

1. Not be older than 40 years at the time of application or still in training (certificate needs to be provided).
2. Both the ECCO Travel Award applicant and the host supervisor need to be ECCO Members at the time of application.
3. 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.
4. Travel Awards aim to enhance the opportunity for IBD trainees and specialists to visit other European IBD Centres than their own. They are not designed to support travel to congresses or meetings.
5. The principal purpose of Travel Awards is to promote innovative scientific research in the area of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases. 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.
6. Members of ECCO Committees are excluded from applying.
7. Applicants can apply for one ECCO Award category only per annual application round.
8. Recipients that have already been awarded with an ECCO Travel Award in the past cannot reapply.

Terms of submission:

1. A total of **EUR 1.500** will be awarded per ECCO Travel Award.
2. The duration of the Travel Award needs to be agreed upon beforehand, and cannot exceed three months.
3. Applications are to be submitted **by August 2** using the [ECCO Fellowships and Grants Online Submission Pages](#) and need to include the following information:
 - Name, address, affiliation(s), ECCO Member ID of the applicant
 - CV of the applicant
 - A confirmation letter from the host centre's Head of Department.
 - The scientific purpose for travelling needs to be stated in detail (incl. time and duration of the visit).
4. SciCom selects up to four candidates per year. Applicants are notified of the outcomes of their applications in **October**. Travel Awards are paid out by **December 31** contingent upon the signing of the ECCO Travel Award form.

5. At the end of the Travel Award and no later than 12 months after the ECCO Travel Award is granted, a synopsis of max. 150 words is to be submitted to the ECCO Office (ecco@ecco-ibd.eu) for publication in ECCO News.

Selection Process:

1. From of all projects that fulfil the formal criteria, four are selected on a random basis/lottery.
2. The Scientific Committee of ECCO (SciCom) and ECCO Governing Board approve the selection.
3. The ECCO Office informs applicants of the outcomes of their applications.

Scoring System:

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

1. *Review by ECCO Office and SciCom:* Each Travel Award application will be reviewed according to the completeness of the application (Terms of submission, point 3).
2. *Final approval:* by the Governing Board of ECCO
3. *Acceptance/rejection letters:* Candidates will be informed of their application outcome by ECCO