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## ECCO IIS Registry Grant - Fact Sheet

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The [European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation](#) (ECCO) offers the ECCO IIS Registry Grant to promote innovative scientific research in the area of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD) in Europe, **with a focus on research projects using a registry tool.**

While priority may be given to research projects which include the use of the United Registries for Clinical Assessment and Research (UR-CARE), we encourage applications from other well characterised registry data sets meeting the guidelines within Clinical Trails transformation Initiative.

The ECCO IIS Registry Grant is designed to support IBD Research conducted by multicentre study groups. Two ECCO IIS Registry Grants may be awarded in 2025.

### Eligibility

In order to be eligible, the applicant(s) must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant(s) must submit an original research project proposal using the [ECCO Fellowships and Grants Online Submission Pages](#). Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.
2. The applicant must apply on behalf of a multicentre study group.
3. The Principal Investigator of the ECCO IIS Registry Grant application needs to be [ECCO Member](#) at the submission deadline.
4. ECCO IIS Registry Grant applicants are not limited to the [ECCO Member Countries](#), but the project lead should be in an [ECCO Member Country](#). Applicants who plan to use UR-CARE as their project registry should consider the European legal framework of the database (i.e., compliance with national regulations of non-European centres would need to be verified by the study group).
5. The applicant(s) can apply for only one ECCO Award category per annual call.
6. Members of [ECCO Governing Board](#) and [Clinical Research Committee \(ClinCom\)](#) are excluded from applying.

### Terms of Submission

1. A total **of EUR 40.000** will be awarded per ECCO IIS Registry Grant. A maximum EUR 20.000 of the award can be spent on salary (up to 50 % of the award). ECCO expects to be informed if ECCO IIS Registry Grant applicants receive additional funding for their project; this is likely to be regarded as an "add-on" and should not conflict with ECCO funded activities. The award can be spent on consumables, institutional overheads and salary.
2. The duration of the ECCO IIS Registry Grant is up to 36 months. An additional preliminary year can be granted for a preparatory phase to the study project (i.e., getting registry approved and patient data entered).
3. A department may support one application per ECCO Award category per annual call.

4. All applicants should submit a proposal for a broad research hypothesis using the [ECCO Fellowships and Grants Online Submission Pages](#) containing the following information:
- Project title
  - Name, address, affiliation(s), ECCO Member ID of the applicant
  - Abstract including aims, methods and anticipated impact (max. 300 words)
  - Introduction (max. 900 words)
  - Objectives (max. 450 words)
  - Methodology and working plan with particular attention to feasibility (max. 1350 words)
  - Chronogram with mandatory milestones and specific deliverables of the project aligned with work plan
  - Significance and impact of the proposed project on the IBD Community (max. 250 words)
  - Background of the research group (max. 450 words)
  - Budget

As well as following documents:

- CVs of the applicants (Project Coordinator and Principal Investigators)
- Approval of the institutions (e.g. necessary equipment will be made available; confirming the employment of the applicant; scientific and administrative support)
- IRB (clinical/experimental) approval of the project, if already available
- Disclosure of additional funding

The annual deadline for submission for an ECCO IIS Registry Grant is **May 2, 2024**.

5. Applications are scored by IBD Specialists according to six criteria (see review process below). Applications will be reviewed by the Clinical Research Committee (ClinCom) and two will be selected. Applicants are notified of the results in **October 2024**.
6. Payment of the Grant funds is contingent upon the ECCO IIS Registry Grant Agreement being signed by the Grant applicant, the research institutions, and ECCO. The payment will be made before **December 31, 2024**.
7. Successful applicants receive an ECCO IIS Registry Grant certificate at the annual Congress of ECCO and are expected to be present to receive it in person.
8. The Abstract (a 300-word synopsis of the project extracted from the online project proposal) will be submitted to ECCO for publication in ECCO channels. Winning proposal abstracts are published in the [JCC Congress Abstract book](#). After twelve months, an update of one page has to be submitted to ECCO. Additionally, a final synopsis of max. 300 words is due within six months of the project end-date. For report templates, please contact the ECCO Office [ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu).
9. ECCO IIS Registry Grant awardees are required to inform ClinCom of all abstracts and publications and presentations (oral or poster) resulting from the project

funded. If this is not upheld, ECCO reserves the right to not review further Grant applications of the principal investigator.

10. When presenting or publishing results of the project, the ECCO IIS Registry Grant shall be acknowledged on printed or electronic matters (no logos) as contributing to their funding. If this is not upheld, ECCO reserves the right not to review further Award applications of the Principal Investigator.
11. ECCO encourages awardees to submit the project outcome to [JCC](#) for publication and/or as an abstract for the annual Congress of ECCO.
12. ECCO reserves the right to request a return of unused funds in the case of a serious impediment to project progress such as a significant delay or if an awardee withdraws from the project or field, or similar disruption.

## Review Process

1. All projects will be reviewed and scored by the members of the ECCO Clinical Research Committee (ClinCom), with external review requested where needed, based on the following criteria:
  1. Originality and innovative nature of the proposal
  2. Methodology
  3. Feasibility of research project and budget - realistically achievable in the time and budget provided
  4. International scientific level of the research team
  5. Importance of the project in the field of IBD
2. Applications need to fulfil formal criteria: no indication of plagiarism, compliance with word/page limits, justified budget, IRB approval (if submitted).
3. Reviewing: Each Grant application will be reviewed by one member of ClinCom and a minimum of two external reviewers. The applications will be scored according to the six evaluation criteria and reviewers can make comments on each application.
4. Ranking: Applications are ranked according to their average scores.
5. Selection: The ECCO Clinical Research Committee (ClinCom) makes the final selection and seeks approval from the ECCO Governing Board and SciCom. Please note, in line with a general trend in the scientific world, the active peer reviewing contribution for ECCO will also become a weighing criterion in the selection process when candidate rankings are very close.
6. Notification: Applicants are notified of the results in **October 2024**.

## Reviewers

Grant Reviewers are invited according to their area of expertise and are selected from the following:

- [ClinCom Members](#)
- [ECCO Officers \(Committee Members\)](#)
- Former ECCO Congress speakers



- Acknowledged experts
- [Former ECCO Fellowships & Grants awardees](#)