
ECCO Travel Award Fact Sheet

The [European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation](#) (ECCO) offers Travel Awards as an opportunity for early career investigators, from all areas relating to IBD, to visit different Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) centres in ECCO Country Members, to learn scientific techniques or for clinical observations. They are not designed to support travel to congresses or meetings.

ECCO Travel Awards are not limited to applicants from [ECCO Country Members](#). However, the applications from [ECCO Country Members](#) will be given preference.

Four ECCO Travel Awards may be allocated in Call 2025 and awarded at ECCO'26.

Eligibility

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

1. The applicant may not have reached 40 years of age at the submission deadline or if 40 years of age or older, must be within five years of the date of completion of their GI training or PhD graduation (a certificate needs to be provided).
2. Both the ECCO Travel Award applicant and the host supervisor need to be ECCO Members at the submission deadline.
3. The applicant can apply for only one ECCO Award category per annual call.
4. Recipients who have been awarded an ECCO Travel Award in the past cannot reapply.
5. Members of [ECCO Governing Board](#) and [ECCO Committees](#) are excluded from applying.

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. A department may support one application per ECCO Award category per annual call.
4. Applicants should submit a proposal using the [ECCO Fellowships and Grants Online Submission Pages](#) containing the following information:
 - CV of the applicant
 - A confirmation letter from the Head of Department of the host institution.
 - A confirmation letter from the Head of Department of the home institution.
 - The purpose of the visit needs to be stated in detail (incl. time/dates, place and duration of the visit) and clear learning objectives are to be provided (short personal introduction, aim of the visit and expectations in relation to the enhancement of patient care) (max 450 words).
5. The deadline for submission for ECCO Travel Award applications is **May 5, 2025**
6. Applications are reviewed by ECCO Office according to the eligibility criteria and up to four applications are selected by ECCO Scientific Committee (SciCom) (see "selection process" below).

7. Payment of the Award funds, is contingent upon signing of the ECCO Travel Award form. The payment is made before **December 31, 2025**.
8. Successful applicants receive an ECCO Travel Award certificate at the annual Congress of ECCO and are encouraged to be present to receive it in person if they are attending.
9. On completion and no later than twelve months after granting of the award, a synopsis of max. 150 words (free form, including short summary of the centre visited, the goals achieved, the impact of the visit, knowledge gained, and skills enhanced) is to be submitted for publication in ECCO News channels at ecco@ecco-ibd.eu.
10. ECCO reserves the right to request a return of unused funds in the case of a serious impediment to travel such as a significant delay or if the host supervisor is unable to host the awardee, the awardee moves to a different field or similar disruption.

Selection Process

1. Applications need to fulfil the formal criteria: no indication of plagiarism, compliance with word limits.
2. Selection: From the applications that fulfil the formal criteria, four are selected on a random basis/lottery. The Scientific Committee of ECCO (SciCom) seeks approval from ECCO Governing Board.
3. Notification: Applicants are notified of the results by **November 2025**.