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Calling young researchers in IBD: Applications open for the ECCO Young Researcher Awards

Dear ECCO Friends,

The ECCO Young Researcher Award aims to recognise and promote young researchers, who have demonstrated excellence in IBD-related research fields.

Two ECCO Young Researcher Awards may be allocated in Call 2025 and awarded at ECCO'26: one for basic science and one for clinical/translational science.

Eligibility

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

1. The applicant has not reached 40 years of age at the submission deadline.
2. The applicant needs to be an [ECCO Member](#) at the submission deadline.
3. The applicant must reside in an [ECCO Member Country](#) at the submission deadline.
4. The applicant must have at least one paper published as first or last author in a journal with an impact factor above 10, or three papers published in a journal with an impact above factor 8 (see www.clarivate.com for impact factors).
5. The applicant must work in an area relating to IBD.
6. Recipients that have been awarded an ECCO Young Researcher Award in the past cannot reapply.
7. Members of [ECCO Governing Board](#) and [ECCO Scientific Committee](#) (SciCom) are excluded from applying.

Terms of Submission

1. A total amount of EUR 5,000 will be awarded per ECCO Young Researcher Award.
2. Applicants should apply by **May 5, 2025** using the [ECCO Fellowships and Grants Online Submission Pages](#) containing the following documents:
 - CV of the applicant (max. 2 pages, including awards and grants, please refer to "Review process")

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- A list of top 10 publications with impact factor and year of that factor (see www.clarivate.com)
- A list of top 3 research grants received as Principal Investigator (ECCO may request more data on this)
- A list of top 3 contributions to ECCO initiatives and activities
- Applicants will be asked to indicate the category they are applying for:
 - Basic science or
 - Clinical/translational science

Incomplete applications will not be evaluated

3. Payment of the Award funds is contingent upon signing of the ECCO Young Researcher Award form. The payment will be made before December 31, 2025.
4. Successful applicants receive an ECCO Young Researcher Award certificate at the next annual ECCO Congress and are encouraged to be present to receive it in person if they are attending.
5. Successful applicants are invited to submit an abstract to the following annual [Congress of ECCO](#) i.e. one year later. The topic of the presentation can be freely chosen and will be granted either a digital oral presentation or an oral presentation in the Scientific Programme.

Review Process

1. Review: All applications will be reviewed and scored by the members of the ECCO Scientific Committee (SciCom), based on the following criteria:
 - Publication quality and quantity, particularly leading authorship
 - Relatedness of the work to IBD and the impact on the field of IBD research
 - Prizes/Awards
 - Grants related to IBD
 - Ranking: Applications are ranked according to their overall average scores per category.
6. Selection: The ECCO Scientific Committee (SciCom) and ECCO Governing Board make a joint selection. 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.
7. Notification: Applicants are notified of the results by November 2025.



Kind regards on behalf of the Scientific Committee of ECCO

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