



# ESC First Contact Initiative Grant

## Promoting careers in basic cardiovascular sciences in Europe

The European Society of Cardiology (ESC) supports the future of cardiovascular medicine. Each year the ESC provides €2 million in grants, fellowships, and scholarships.

Applications are open from 9 April to 25 May 2021.

### What is the grant for?

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The purpose of these grants is to provide resources for the establishment of new research links from young scientists from European institutions to hosting institutions in a foreign country, within or outside Europe.

Each grant will provide funds for one travel to an identified hosting institution and a minimum stay of 10 (ten) calendar days. Applications will be considered in two areas:

1. to establish more permanent contacts designed to lead to a fellowship or a research affiliate position in the host laboratory for the development of a research project in the area of basic cardiovascular sciences.
2. to learn new skills that will be beneficial to the researcher in their future career, and which can be transferred back to the candidate's organisation.

### Basic rules

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- A maximum of 5 (five) grants of 2,500 (two thousand five hundred Euros) each will be awarded based on the quality of the application
- They will be distributed in one call per year
- Successful candidates must use their funds within 9 (nine) months

### Criteria for eligibility

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- Candidates should not be older than 40 (forty) years at the time of the application deadline
- Candidates must have activity in the area of cardiovascular sciences
- Candidates must be members of the Council on Basic Cardiovascular Science (Sign up for free)
- Candidates must be working in a European institution

### How to apply

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Please read the disclaimer on Personal Data Privacy before applying.

Candidates can only apply via the online application form.

At the time of application, formal eligibility criteria will be checked. **If you are not eligible, the First Contact Initiative Grant application form may not be visible.**

[New Application](#)

**Before completing the e-form, prepare your pdf application file** as you will have to attach it to your e-form.

The pdf application file you will attach to your e-form should consist of a bio-sketch of:

- Your letter [maximum 2 (two) pages] of motivation including:
  - information on your activity in the area of cardiovascular sciences (300 words)
  - details of your project (300 words)
  - a statement on how you intend to use the award (budget forecast) (300 words)
  - a statement that if you do not use the grant within 9 months, you will return it to the ESC.
- A one-page CV with a publication list
- A letter of support by the host institution stating that they are willing to host you and what they can offer during your visit
- A letter of support from your current institution
- A written commitment to provide a detailed report on the outcome of the initiative after the grant is completed.

Applications deadline: **25 May every year**

For any queries contact: [councils@escardio.org](mailto:councils@escardio.org)

### **Personal Data Privacy**

The information collected is subject to data processing to record, evaluate and track your grant application.

The recipients of the data are ESC Staff who process the forms as well as the staff in charge of paying the grant monies.

Data collected will be kept for one year.

These data will be stored in Salesforce.

In accordance with the chapter 3 of the European Regulation 2016/679 with regards to data protection, you have the right to request from ESC, access to and rectification or erasure of your personal data or restriction of processing concerning your data or to object to processing as well as the right to data portability.

For such, please contact us (be aware that a proof of identity will be requested during the process via a secure web link).

You have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, and for information, ESC has appointed a Data Protection Officer that you can reach by email.

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