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## N-ECCO Research Grants Fact Sheet

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The European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO) offers Research Grants for IBD Nurses to promote innovative scientific research in the area of IBD Nursing across Europe.

N-ECCO Research Grants aim to enhance the opportunity for IBD Nurses to be involved in international research projects across Europe. The aim is to engage IBD Nurses who are less experienced in carrying out research, to conduct proper systematic research under the mentorship of a senior researcher. The total amount of EUR 20,000 can be given to one big project, or split up and given to two smaller projects.

The N-ECCO Research Grants are designed to support international IBD Nursing research. Typically, research for N-ECCO Grant projects is coordinated by a senior researcher and conducted by IBD Nurses in a number of other European centers. The coordinator acts as the principal investigator and will be responsible for the accomplishment of the study.

In order to be eligible, the candidate must:

1. Submit an original research project using the [ECCO Fellowships and Grants Online Submission Pages](#).
2. The applicant of the N-ECCO Research Grant needs to be an ECCO Member.
3. N-ECCO Research Grants 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. If your institute currently holds a N-ECCO Research Grant, then another application for this period is not possible. Therefore, an institute cannot apply for two grants in consecutive years.
5. Only one grant can be awarded per institution per application round.
6. Applicants can apply for only one ECCO Award category per annual application round.

### Terms of submission

1. A total of **EUR 20.000** will be awarded per N-ECCO Research Award. The amount can be given to one big project or split and given to two smaller projects. The Grants are not intended to provide a part of the salary for the candidate. ECCO expects to be informed if N-ECCO Research Grant applicants succeed in receiving additional funding for their project; this is likely to be regarded as an "add-on" and to not conflict with ECCO.
2. The duration of the N-ECCO Research Grant is one year.
3. Only one proposal may be submitted per applicant/department by the submission date.
4. All applicants should submit a proposal for a research project using the [ECCO Fellowships and Grants Online Submission Pages](#) and should contain the following information:
  - Project title
  - Name, address, affiliation(s), ECCO Member ID
  - Summary of the proposal
  - Introduction
  - Objectives
  - Methodology and working plan
  - Significance and impact



- Background of the research applicant(s)
- Research training aspects
- Budget

As well as the following documents:

- CV of the applicant
5. The annual deadline for submission of a N-ECCO Research Grant applications is **August 1**.
  6. Applications are scored by IBD Specialists according to six criteria (see review process below). Applicants are notified of the results in **October**.
  7. Successful applicants receive the N-ECCO Research Grant certificate at the Annual Congress of ECCO and are expected to be present.
  8. A 300-word synopsis of the project is to be submitted to the ECCO Office within four months of receiving the award for publication in ECCO News. Additionally, a final report (a synopsis of 300 words) is due within 6 months of the project end. For report templates, please contact the ECCO Office at [ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu).
  9. Payment will be processed before **December 31**, contingent upon the N-ECCO Grant Agreement signed between the N-ECCO Research Grant applicant, the research institution, and ECCO.
  10. N-ECCO Research Grant holders are required to inform N-ECCO, via the ECCO Office ([ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu)), of any publications resulting from the project funded. If this is not withheld, ECCO reserves the right to not review further ECCO Grant applications of the Grant holder.
  11. When presenting or publishing results of the project, ECCO is to be acknowledged on all printed matter as contributing to the funding. Please contact the ECCO Office at [ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu) to request the ECCO logo for slide presentations. In case this is not paid attention to, ECCO reserves the right to not review further Grant applications of the Grant holder.
  12. ECCO encourages Grant awardees to submit the project outcome to JCC for publication.

#### Review Process:

1. All projects will be reviewed and scored by the members of the N-ECCO Committee, based on the following criteria:
  - Originality and innovative nature of the proposal
  - Methodology
  - Feasibility of research project and budget
  - Grade of involvement of IBD Nurses in research
  - Importance of the project in the field of IBD Nursing
  - Formal criteria (no indication of plagiarism, compliance with word limits, justified budget, IRB approval)
2. The N-ECCO Committee makes the final selection and seeks approval from the ECCO Governing Board.
3. The award of the N-ECCO Research Grant will be made during the next ECCO Congress.