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ESC First Contact Initiative Grant

Promoting careers in basic cardiovascular sciences in Europe

Application for the First Contact Initiative Grant 2019 will open in April 2019.

If you want to apply in 2019, please read the instructions below and prepare your application accordingly.

What is the grant for?

The purpose of these grants is to provide resources for the establishment of 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, leading to a fellowship or a research affiliate position 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

- A maximum of 5 (five) grants of 2,500 Euros (two thousand five hundred) 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

- Candidates should not be older than 35 (thirty-five) years at the time of the application deadline
- Candidates must have activity in the area of cardiovascular sciences
- Candidates must be members of any of the following:
 - an ESC National Cardiac Society
 - a group included in the Council for Basic Cardiovascular Science (check the list)
- Candidates must be working in a European institution

How to apply

Please read the disclaimer on Personal Data Privacy before applying.

Candidates can only apply via the online application form. The online application form will be available in April 2019.

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:
 - your membership of any of the groups stated in "Criteria for eligibility"
 - 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 (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 from 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 received.

NB: All details, including the cover letter, should be provided in ONE pdf you will attach to your online application form.

Applications deadline: **25 May every year**

For any queries contact: councils@escardio.org

Personal Data Privacy

The information collected is subject to a computerised process to record, evaluate and track your grant application. The recipients of the data are:

The staff in charge of processing Council grant applications and, where a grant is awarded, the staff in charge of paying the grant monies.

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