



EFSD / AstraZeneca Programme: Research in Macrovascular Complications of Diabetes

EFSD has established this new Clinical Diabetes Research Programme supported by an educational grant from AstraZeneca to stimulate and accelerate European Clinical Research in Macrovascular Complications of Diabetes, and encourage projects aimed at advancing current knowledge of this area.

To achieve the goals and objectives of this Programme, EFSD invites applications by issuing this "Request for Applications" (RFA), which indicates joint funding as well as areas of research emphasis.

Eligibility: Applications for an EFSD grant are invited from single non-profit institutions or groups of such institutions from Europe or associated countries. The principal investigator and any co-investigators must be employed full-time at a non-profit institution and the study must be performed at their place of work.

Review criteria are as follows:

- a. **Significance:** Does the study address an important problem in keeping with the goals and focus areas of this Programme? If the aims of the application are achieved, how will scientific knowledge be advanced? What will be the effect of the proposed studies on the concepts or methods that drive this field?
- b. **Approach:** Are the conceptual framework, design, methods and analyses adequately developed, well integrated, and appropriate to the aims of the project? Are they supported by preliminary data? Does the applicant acknowledge potential problem areas and consider alternative tactics?
- c. **Innovation:** Does the project employ novel concepts, approaches or methods? Are the aims original and innovative? Does the project challenge existing paradigms or develop new methodologies or technologies?
- d. **Investigator:** Is the investigator appropriately trained and well suited to carry out this work? Is the work proposed appropriate to the experience level of the principal investigator and other researchers, if any?
- e. **Environment:** Does the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Do the proposed experiments take advantage of unique features of the scientific environment or employ useful collaborative arrangements? Is there evidence of institutional support?
- f. **Budget:** Is the requested budget appropriate for the proposed study?

Amount and duration: Research will be supported through the award of grants, each of up to 300,000 €. Applicants who have a funding requirement larger than 300,000 € are also invited to apply to this Programme; in this case, the relevant financial requirements should be well justified in the budget section of the application form for special consideration by the review committee.

The duration of each award may be up to 3 years, depending upon the needs of the project and as justified in the application.

Internal deadline (VHIR) for applications: 24 October 2014

Official deadline: 1 November 2014

Anticipated award: February 2015

More information: [HERE](#)

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