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EFIM Clinical Research Grant 2026

1. Objectives of the Grant Programme

The EFIM Clinical Research Grant aims to:

- Provide opportunity to establish and develop research collaborations between Ordinary and Associate members of EFIM national societies.
- Support active research groups, including at least one Young Internist from Ordinary and Associate Members across the full spectrum of Internal Medicine, to initiate or further develop independent clinical research projects.
- Promote high-quality, patient-centred clinical research in Internal Medicine
- Encourage research in alignment with EFIM priority topics
- Strengthen EFIM's role in advancing Academic Internal Medicine across Europe
- Foster future clinical researchers and leaders within the EFIM community
- Enable Young Internists to generate high-quality clinical evidence
- Increase EFIM's visibility and leadership in clinical research
- Strengthen research collaboration across Europe

2. Grant Structure

- **Number of grants:** Two
- **Grant amount:** €20,000 per grant
- **Total funding:** €40,000
- **Funding duration:** Up to 24 months

The grant funding may be used for eligible research-related costs, including (but not limited to):

- Data collection and analysis
- Research personnel support
- Biostatistical support



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- Study-related consumables
- Ethics and regulatory fees

General institutional costs are not eligible for funding.

3. Research Topics

EFIM Executive Committee will define the research topics annually and award grants for clinical and/or translational research projects addressing the predefined priority topics in Internal Medicine, such as:

- *Topic 1: Rare and Systemic Autoimmune Diseases*
- *Topic 2: Multimorbidity in Internal Medicine*

The topics will be selected by EFIM Executive Committee to reflect emerging challenges, unmet clinical needs, and strategic priorities in Internal Medicine.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Research groups should include at least one Young Internist ideally as a PhD student or Post Doc, who will be the main applicant meeting the following criteria:

- Be a Young Internist, defined as:
 - In training in Internal Medicine for at least 2 years but no older than 35 years of age or
 - Up to 5-years after completion of specialist training (no older than 40 years)
- Be affiliated with an Ordinary or Associate National Society of EFIM
- Submit a clinical (either observational, interventional, or cross sectional) or translational research project excluding basic or experimental animals' research
- Demonstrate feasibility of the project within the proposed timeframe and budget

Each applicant and research group may submit only one proposal per call.

5. Application and Selection Process

Application

Applicants will be required to submit:



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- A structured research proposal (background, objectives/aims, methodology, main outcome measures and timeline)
- A detailed budget and justification
- Description of the research group indicating previous research achievements in the field
- Brief CVs of the main applicant and of the Supervisor
- Letter of support of the Head of the research group

6. Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated by an independent EFIM-appointed review committee based on:

- Scientific quality, originality and innovation
- Clinical relevance to Internal Medicine
- Alignment with EFIM priority topics
- Applicant's potential for academic development

The final selection will be approved by the EFIM Executive Committee.

7. Reporting and Dissemination

Grant recipients will be required to:

- Submit interim and final scientific and financial reports to EFIM
- Acknowledge EFIM support in all resulting publications and presentations
- Present study results at an EFIM congress or scientific event, where feasible
- Publications in EJIM will be particularly well considered

EFIM reserves the right to promote funded projects and results through its communication channels.