

# Report 2023

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## Introduction

The European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes (EFSD) was created by the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) in order to support more actively diabetes research in Europe and to serve even more effectively the goals of EASD, which are: to encourage and support research in the field of diabetes, to rapidly diffuse acquired knowledge, and to facilitate its application. The EFSD began its work in 2000 and has become a significant European funding agency for diabetes research, and is continually striving to enhance diabetes awareness in Europe.

EFSD is a non-profit foundation, which seeks to support the highest quality research in Europe to find a cure for all types of diabetes and associated complications and to prevent their onset. EFSD aims to cooperate with other government and non-government agencies in order to increase funding in European diabetes research as a means of achieving its goals. Through its various activities and programmes, the Foundation also strives to enhance awareness in Europe of the severity and magnitude of this devastating disease. It is the ambition of the Executive Committee to develop EFSD as the main European funding agency for diabetes research.

The Foundation is closely related to EASD; it is governed exclusively by the Executive Committee of EASD, which itself is under the close supervision of the General Assembly. The Foundation operates on a strictly non-profit basis under the control of the relevant authorities in Germany.

EFSD has committed over **100 million Euro**  
to European diabetes research

EFSD receives generous donations from industry which, together with standalone funding initiatives, has resulted over 100 million Euro being raised for diabetes research in Europe.

All applications are subject to rigorous peer review by a fully independent panel of leading experts in the field, and awards are based on scientific merit. Applications from non-profit organisations are welcome from Europe or any associated country as well as named non-European countries in the context of collaborative research programmes (see individual programme details).

Further information on EFSD Programmes is available on the website of the Foundation:

[www.EuropeanDiabetesFoundation.org](http://www.EuropeanDiabetesFoundation.org)

# Grant Programmes

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## **EFSD/Boehringer Ingelheim**

### European Research Programme on “Multi-System Challenges in Diabetes”

#### **Programme and Research Focus**

This EFSD/Boehringer Ingelheim European Diabetes Research Programme is intended to stimulate and accelerate European research on the interrelation and crosstalk of different organs e.g. heart, kidney, pancreas, gut, liver and brain and related pathophysiology in diabetes and its complications and the impact of therapeutic interventions for this complex condition.

#### **Awards in 2023**

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Neil Docherty: University College Dublin - Ireland

Jean-Francois Gautier: University Paris Cité - France

Patricia Iozzo: Institute of Clinical Physiology (IFC) - Pisa, Italy

Marie Jeansson: Karolinska Institute - Huddinge, Sweden

Cedric Moro: Inserm UMR1297, Institute of Metabolic and Cardiovascular Diseases - Toulouse, France

Joergen Rungby: Steno Diabetes Centre Copenhagen - Denmark

Milena Schönke: Leiden University Medical Center - Netherlands

Kristina Schoonjans: Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) - Switzerland

Julia Szendroedi: Heidelberg University Hospital - Germany

Thomas van Sloten: University Medical Center Utrecht - Netherlands

## **EFSD/Lilly**

### European Diabetes Research Programme

#### **Programme and Research Focus**

The EFSD/Lilly European Diabetes Research Fund was created to promote increased European diabetes research and to increase public awareness and political understanding of the magnitude and burden of the disease.

The EFSD/Lilly Programme will accept applications within any area of basic or clinical diabetes research.

#### **Awards in 2023**

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Marc Claret: Fundació de Recerca Clínic Barcelona-Institut d'Investigacions Biomèdiques August Pi i Sunyer (FRCB-IDIBAPS) - Barcelona, Spain

Julien Diana: Necker Institute for Sick Children (INEM) - Paris, France

Mario Galgani: University of Naples - Italy

Bruno Guigas: Leiden University Medical Center - Netherlands

Esteban Nicolas Gurzov: Free university of Brussels (Université libre de Bruxelles, ULB) - Belgium

Jens Juul Holst: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Anna Krook: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden

Mette Marie Rosenkilde: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Domenico Trico: University of Pisa - Italy

Juleen R. Zierath: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden

## **EFSD/Lilly**

### **EXPLORING AND APPLYING NEW STRATEGIES IN DIABETES (EXPAND)**

#### **Programme and Research Focus**

The EFSD/Lilly EXPAND Programme aims to assess with dedicated research projects, potential strategies that could be implemented in Europe and rolled out in low-and middle-income countries to favour the improvement of quality of care for all people living with diabetes.

#### **Awards in 2023**

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Viswanathan Mohan: Madras Diabetes Research Foundation - India

Siméon Pierre Choukem: University of Dschang - Cameroon

## **EFSD “New Targets for Diabetes or Obesity-related Metabolic Diseases”**

supported by an educational research grant from MSD

### **Programme and Research Focus**

The EFSD/MSD European Research Programme on “New Targets for Diabetes or Obesity-related Metabolic Diseases” is intended to stimulate and accelerate European research focusing on the identification and molecular understanding of new targets for the treatment of type 2 diabetes or obesity-related metabolic diseases.

### **Awards in 2023**

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Emma Ahlqvist: Lund University – Malmö, Sweden

Jorge Ferrer: Barcelona Institute for Science and Technology - Spain

Johan Jonker: University Medical Center Groningen - Netherlands



## **EFSD/Novo Nordisk A/S**

### Programme for Diabetes Research in Europe

#### **Programme and Research Focus**

The EFSD/Novo Nordisk Programme for Diabetes Research in Europe was created to encourage both clinical and basic research in diabetes. Applications from all fields of diabetes research, including both basic and clinical research, were welcome.

#### **Awards in 2023**

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Alastair Kerr: Karolinska Institute - Huddinge, Sweden

Fredrik Bäckhed: University of Gothenburg - Sweden

Jurga Laurencikiene: Karolinska Institute - Huddinge, Sweden

Luis Rodrigo Cataldo: Lund University - Malmö, Sweden

Zachary Gerhart-Hines: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

## **EFSD/Novo Nordisk Foundation**

### **Future Leaders Award**

#### **Programme and Research Focus**

The EFSD/Novo Nordisk Foundation Future Leaders Award Programme is intended to identify outstanding clinical and basic scientists in European diabetes research at a critical stage in their career, to support them in their transition to a tenured academic appointment in diabetes research in Europe and to foster their development into the leaders of tomorrow.

#### **Awards in 2023**

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Roel Bijkerk: Leiden University Medical Center - Netherlands

Charlotte Boughton: University of Cambridge - UK

Elisa de Franco: University of Exeter - UK

Maria Rohm: Helmholtz Centre Munich - Germany

## **EFSD/Novo Nordisk Foundation**

### Precision Diabetes Medicine Award

#### **Programme and Research Focus**

The EFSD/Novo Nordisk Foundation Precision Diabetes Medicine Award Programme will accept applications based on scientific quality, innovation potential and a clear translational focus; bringing basic knowledge to use at the patient level in terms of e.g. disease prognosis, treatment prediction or patient stratification.

#### **Awards in 2023**

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Shivani Misra: Imperial College London - UK

Cyrielle Caussy: Lyon University Hospital Center - France

Eran Elinav: Weizmann Institute of Science - Rehovot, Israel

## **EFSD/Sanofi**

### European Diabetes Research Programme in diabetes associated with cardiovascular disease

#### **Programme and Research Focus**

This Programme is to encourage new projects aimed at advancing current knowledge in this field and is intended to stimulate and accelerate European research aimed at improving understanding of cardiovascular disease associated with diabetes.

#### **Awards in 2023**

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Ben Arpad Kappel: RWTH Aachen University Hospital - Germany

Marleen van Greevenbroek: Maastricht University - Netherlands

# Fellowship Programmes

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## **EFSD Albert Renold Travel Fellowship Programme**

The EFSD Albert Renold Travel Fellowship Programme enables scientists and clinicians to travel and stay at other institutions in order to learn different techniques related to diabetes research. The duration of the stay should not exceed three months.

### **Awards in 2023**

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Amila Iriskic Atic: Roskilde University - Denmark

Madhurima Basu: Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research - Kolkata, India

Amée Buziau: Maastricht University - Netherlands

Emma Helena Dahlström: University of Helsinki - Finland

Moyan Liu: Amsterdam University Medical Center - Netherlands

Ivonne Palacios Marin: University of Barcelona - Spain

Konstantinos Stefanakis: National and Kapodistrian University of Athens School of Medicine - Greece

## **EFSD/Lilly**

### Young Investigator Research Award Programme

#### **Programme and Research Focus**

The objective of the EFSD/Lilly Young Investigator Research Awards is to encourage innovative research in the fields of diabetes and its complications, and to promote excellence in medical education.

#### **Awards in 2023**

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Alex Addinsall: University of Copenhagen - Denmark  
Kalman Bodis: Heinrich Heine University Duesseldorf - Germany  
Claire Leveau: Institut Necker Enfants Malades - Paris, France  
Frank Chenfei Ning: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden  
Fatoumata Samassa: Cochin Institute - Paris, France  
Ilke Sen: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden  
Annieke van Baar: Amsterdam University Medical Centres - Netherlands

## **EFSD Rising Star Fellowship Programme**

supported by Novo Nordisk

### **Programme and Research Focus**

The EFSD Rising Star Fellowship Programme aims to identify promising and innovative young researchers who are developing their research activities in Europe. Selected candidates receive a fellowship award, and also have the opportunity to present an overview of their past and ongoing research activities during a multidisciplinary research symposium at the EASD Annual Meeting.

### **Awards in 2023**

Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Luca D'Onofrio: "Sapienza" University of Rome - Italy  
Alessandro Mengozzi: University of Zürich - Switzerland  
Theresia Sarabhai: German Diabetes Center - Duesseldorf, Germany  
Larke Smidt Gasbjerg: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Further Programme details and deadline dates can be found on the  
EFSD website:

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## Review Committee Members

EFSD is most grateful to the following colleagues who served on the programme review committees in 2023:

Amélie Bonnefond	Lilian Witthauer
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## EFSD Executive Board and Administration

### Executive Board:

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