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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 co-operate 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

2020
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 2020

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

Remy Burcelin: INSERM - Toulouse, France
Ulf Eriksson: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden
Shai Fuchs: The Sheba Fund for Health Services and Research - Ramat-Gan, Israel
Sophie Lestavel: University of Lille - France
Marcelina Parrizas: CIBER - Barcelona, Spain
Allan Vaag: Steno Diabetes Center Copenhagen - Gentofte, Denmark
Rob Wust: Vrije University Amsterdam - Netherlands
EFSD/JDRF/Lilly

European Programme in Type 1 Diabetes Research

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD/JDRF/Lilly European Programme in Type 1 Diabetes Research encourages new projects aimed at advancing current knowledge in this domain.

Each year the Programme welcomes projects within any area of basic or clinical research related to type 1 diabetes including treatment and monitoring strategies.

Awards in 2020

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

Carolin Daniel: Helmholtz Zentrum München - Germany
Mark A. Russell: University of Exeter - United Kingdom
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 2020

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

Paul Caton, King's College London – United Kingdom
Sophie Croizier, University of Lausanne – Switzerland
Olof Eriksson, Uppsala University – Sweden
Jens J. Holst, University of Copenhagen – Denmark
Mette Rosenkilde, University of Copenhagen - Denmark
Vera Schrauwen-Hinderling, Maastricht University – Netherlands
Dinesh Selvarajah, University of Sheffield – United Kingdom
Jorma Toppari, University of Turku - Finland
EFSD/Lilly

EXPLORING AND APPLYING NEW STRATEGIES IN DIABETES (EXPAND) Programme

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 2020

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

Eugenia Carvalho, Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology - Coimbra, Portugal
Kristine Faerch, Steno Diabetes Center Copenhagen - Denmark
EFSD European Research Programme on New Targets for Type 2 Diabetes

supported by an educational research grant from MSD

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD/MSD European Research Programme on New Targets for Type 2 Diabetes 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.

Awards in 2020

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

Geneviève Marcelin, Inserm/Sorbonne University - Paris, France
Jorge Ruas, Karolinska Institutet - Stockholm, Sweden
Stefan Trapp, UCL - London, United Kingdom
EFSD/Novo Nordisk
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 2020
Based on the recommendations of the Review Committee, awards were made to the following:

Charna Dibner: University of Geneva - Switzerland
Mario Galgani: Istituto per l'Endocrinologia e l'Oncologia Sperimentale "G.Salvatore" - Naples, Italy
Mariana Igoillo-Esteve: Université Libre de Bruxelles – Belgium
Susanne Keipert: Stockholm University – Sweden
Anja Zeigerer: Helmholtz Center Munich - Neuherberg, Germany
EFSD/Novo Nordisk Foundation

Future Leaders Award Programme

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 2020

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

Florian Kahles: University Hospital Aachen – Germany
Natalie Krahmer: Helmholtz Diabetes Center - Neuherberg, Germany
Mitsugu Shimobayashi: University of Basel – Switzerland
Michaela Tencerova: Institute of Physiology - Prague, Czech Republic
EFSD/Sanofi

European Diabetes Research Programme in Macrovascular Complications

Programme and Research Focus

This EFSD/Sanofi European Diabetes Research Programme in Macrovascular Complications is to encourage new projects aimed at advancing current knowledge in this field and intended to stimulate and accelerate European research on macrovascular complications.

Awards in 2020

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

Georgios Georgiopoulous: King's College London – United Kingdom
Ronan Roussel: AP-HP, Bichat Hospital – Paris, France
EFSD/Sanofi

European Pilot Research Grants for Innovative Measurement of Diabetes Outcomes

Programme and Research Focus

These EFSD/Sanofi European Pilot Research Grants are intended to help develop innovative means to document and validate novel parameters indicative of long-term benefits for patients with diabetes.

Awards in 2020

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

Amber van der Heijden: Amsterdam UMC - Netherlands
Fellowship Programmes

2020
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. Albert Renold Fellowships are available throughout the year.

In 2020 the following Fellowships were awarded:

Xi Chen: UT Health San Antonio - United States
Lucas Jurado Fasoli: University of Granada - Spain
Yanislava Karusheva: German Diabetes Center - Duesseldorf, Germany
Lee Ling Lim: University of Malaya - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
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Patrick Swan: University College Dublin - Ireland
EFSD Future Leaders Mentorship
Programme for Clinical Diabetologists
Supported by an unrestricted educational grant from AstraZeneca

Programme and Research Focus

This EFSD Future Leaders Mentorship Programme for Clinical Diabetologists is to encourage and support research in the field of diabetes, to rapidly diffuse acquired knowledge and to facilitate its application. The major goal of this Mentorship Programme will be to identify and promote the advancement of the next generation of leading clinical diabetologists in Europe.

Awards in 2020

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

Thomas Ebert: Karolinska Institutet - Huddinge, Sweden
Peter van Dijk: University of Groningen, University Medical Center Groningen – Netherlands
EFSD and Japan Diabetes Society (JDS)

Reciprocal Travel Research Fellowship Programme

The objective of the EFSD/JDS Reciprocal Travel Research Fellowship Programme is to encourage collaborative research in the field of diabetes.

Programme did not run.
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 2020

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

Brendan Gabriel: University of Edinburgh - United Kingdom
Rasmus Kjøbsted: University of Copenhagen - Denmark
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 2020

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

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Lucile Dollet: Karolinska Institutet - Solna, Sweden
Pierre Larraufie: AgroParisTech - Paris, France
Alexandra Smink: University Medical Center Groningen - Netherlands

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

www.EuropeanDiabetesFoundation.org
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