# EFSD European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes

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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
Grant Programmes

2022
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 2022

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

Mijke Buitinga: University Maastricht - The Netherlands
Ulf Eriksson: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden
Claire Hills: University of Lincoln - UK
Joan-Marc Servitja: Clinic Foundation for Biomedical Research - Barcelona, Spain
Kfir Sharabi: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem - Israel
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 2022

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

Catherine Arden: Newcastle University - UK
Jonatan Bagger: University of Copenhagen - Denmark
Shane Browne: University of Medicine and Health Sciences - Dublin, Ireland
Carolina Hagberg: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden
Heikki Hyöty: Tampere University - Finland
Tuomas Kilpeläinen: University of Copenhagen - Denmark
Jacinto López Sagaseta: Navarrabiomed - Pamplona, Spain
Kashyap Patel: University of Exeter - UK
Rashmi Prasad: Lund University - Sweden
Åke Sjöholm: University of Gävle - Sweden
Dimitri Van Simaeys: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden
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 2022

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

Azra Mehmood: University of Punjab - Lahore, Pakistan
Collaborating Institution: Universität Leipzig/Medical Faculty; responsible Institute: Institute of Laboratory Medicine, Clinical Chemistry and Molecular Diagnostics - Germany

Xiaofeng Zheng: Sichuan University - Chengdu, China
Collaborating Institution: The Rolf Luft Research Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology, Dept of Molecular Medicine and Surgery, Karolinska Institute – Stockholm, Sweden
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 2022

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

Sophie Steculorum: Max Planck Institute for Metabolism Research - Cologne, Germany
Ingrid Wernstedt-Asterholm: University of Gothenburg - Sweden
Anja Zeigerer: Helmholtz Munich, Institute for Diabetes and Cancer - Germany
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 2022

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

Sonia Fernandez Veledo: Pere Virgili Health Research Institute - Tarragona, Spain
Filip Knop: University of Copenhagen - Denmark
Vito Lampasona: Vita-Salute San Raffaele University - Milan, Italy
Gil Leibowitz: Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center - Jerusalem, Israel
Peter van Endert: INSERM U1151 - Paris, France
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 2022

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

Alexander Jais: Helmholtz Centre Munich – Germany
Niklas Mejhert: Karolinska Institute – Stockholm, Sweden
Søren Fisker Schmidt: University of Southern Denmark – Odense, Denmark
Zhichao Zhou: Karolinska Institute – Stockholm, Sweden
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 2022

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

Angus Jones: University of Exeter - UK
Haifa Maalmi: German Diabetes Center - Düsseldorf, Germany
Jørgen Wojtaszewski: University of Copenhagen - Denmark
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 2022

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

Massimo Federici: University of Rome Tor Vergata - Italy
Casper G. Schalkwijk: Maastricht University Medical Center and Cardiovascular Research Institute Maastricht (CARIM) - Netherlands
Daniel R. Witte: Steno Diabetes Center Aarhus - Denmark
EFSD/Sanofi “Outlook to the next 100 years of insulin: Innovative insulin delivery and monitoring systems”

Programme and Research Focus

This Programme is intended to stimulate and accelerate European research aimed at understanding and improving insulin delivery and action. Grants are offered for basic, clinical-experimental studies, specifically with translation concepts aiming at exploiting existing technology as well as identifying innovative approaches for insulin delivery systems and monitoring insulin therapy.

Awards in 2022

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

Othmar Moser: University of Bayreuth - Germany
Fellowship Programmes

2022
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 2022

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

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Jean-Baptiste Potier: ILONO, Strasbourg - France
Elena Tore: Maastricht University, The Netherlands
Flavia Tramontana: Campus Bio-Medico University of Rome, Italy
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 2022

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

Stephen Ashcroft: University of Copenhagen - Denmark
Martina Chiriacò: University of Pisa - Italy
Cintia Folgueira Cobos: Spanish National Center for Cardiovascular Research Carlos III - Madrid, Spain
Ninon Foussard: Bordeaux University Hospital - France
Zaineb Mezdari: Institut Necker Enfants Malades (INEM) - Paris, France
David Rizo Roca: Karolinska Institute, Stockholm - Sweden
Mark Smits: Amsterdam UMC - 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 2022

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

Diego Balboa: Centre for Genomic Regulation - Barcelona, Spain
John Dennis: University of Exeter - UK
Matthew Johnson: University of Exeter - UK
Salwan Maqdasy: Karolinska Institute - Huddinge, Sweden

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

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