

Report 2024

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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) e.V. 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 **130 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 2024

EFSD and Boehringer Ingelheim

European Research Programme on “Multi-System Challenges in Diabetes Obesity and
Cardiometabolic Disease”

Programme and Research Focus

This EFSD and 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, obesity and cardiometabolic disease, and the impact of therapeutic interventions for these complex conditions.

Awards in 2024

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

Pierre-Damien Denechaud: University of Bordeaux (CNRS) - France

Mandy Grootaert: Catholic University of Louvain - Brussels, Belgium

Heidi Noels: RWTH University Aachen - Germany

Yolanda Sanz: Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas - Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) - Madrid, Spain

Vera Schrauwen-Hinderling: German Diabetes Center (DDZ) - Düsseldorf, Germany

Ana Teixeira: Karolinska Institute - Stockholm, Sweden

EFSD and Lilly

European Diabetes Research Programme

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD and 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 2024

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

Mostafa Bakhti: Institute of Diabetes and Regeneration Research (IDR) - Helmholtz Munich , Germany

Anika Böttcher: Helmholtz Center Munich - Germany

Daniel Coral: Lund University Diabetes Centre - Malmö, Sweden

Erez Dror: The Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School - Jerusalem, Israel

Christian Göbl: Medical University of Vienna - Austria

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Loirella Marselli: University of Pisa - Italy

Rashmi Prasad: Lund University - Malmö, Sweden

Nils Wierup: Lund University - Malmö, Sweden

EFSD and Novo Nordisk A/S

Programme for Diabetes Research in Europe

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD and 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 2024

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

Isabella Artner: Lund University - Malmö, Sweden

Federica Benvenuti: International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) – Trieste, Italy

Brice Emanuelli: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Maria Lindahl: University of Helsinki - Finland

Nadav Sharon: Technion, Israel Institute of Technology - Haifa, Israel

EFSD and Novo Nordisk Foundation

Future Leaders Award

Programme and Research Focus

The EFSD and 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 2024

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

Jakob Knudsen: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Jordi Merino: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Lykke Sylow: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Shane Wright: Karolinska Institute - Solna, Sweden

EFSD and Sanofi

European Diabetes Research Programme on autoimmunity in type 1 diabetes

Programme and Research Focus

This Programme on autoimmunity in type 1 diabetes is intended to stimulate and accelerate European research aimed at improving understanding of any aspect of autoimmunity in type 1 diabetes, its pathogenesis, screening and monitoring, its clinical course and its interventions. Grants are offered for basic and clinical studies.

Awards in 2024

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

Nordin Hanssen: Amsterdam UMC - Netherlands

Arturo Roca Rivada: Free University of Brussels - Belgium

Teresa Rodriguez-Calvo: Helmholtz Munich - Germany

Sylvaine You: French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM) - Paris, France

Fellowship Programmes 2024

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 2024

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

Jens Lund: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Reindert Ferdinand Oostveen: Amsterdam University Medical Center - Netherlands

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Miriam Longo: University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli”, Napoli - Italy

EFSD and Japan Diabetes Society (JDS)

Reciprocal Travel Research Fellowship Programme

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

Awards in 2024

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

Aika Miya: Hokkaido University Hospital - Sapporo, Japan

Tetiana Yatsenko: Palladin Institute of Biochemistry of NAS of Ukraine - Kyiv, Ukraine

EFSD and Lilly

Young Investigator Research Award Programme

Programme and Research Focus

The objective of the EFSD and 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 2024

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

Diego Balboa: University of Helsinki - Finland

Simon Lecoutre: Sorbonne University/INSERM - Paris, France

Mireia Ramos-Rodríguez: University Pompeu Fabra - Barcelona, Spain

Gordon Sloan: University of Sheffield - UK

Eva María Brú Tarí: University of Geneva - Switzerland

Froukje Vanweert: Maastricht University - Netherlands

EFSD Rising Star Fellowship Programme

supported by Novo Nordisk through a donation

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 2024

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

Georgia Colleluori: Marche Polytechnic University - Ancona, Italy

Cintia Folgueira-Cobos: Spanish National Center for Cardiovascular Research Carlos III (CNIC) – Madrid, Spain

Sini Marjut Heinonen: Helsinki University Hospital - Finland

Borja Martinez-Tellez: Torrecardenas University Hospital - Almeria, Spain

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

www.EuropeanDiabetesFoundation.org

Review Committee Members

EFSD is most grateful to the following colleagues who served on the programme review committees in 2024:

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