

Report 2025

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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 Board 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 Board 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 2025

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 2025

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

Jorge Alegre-Cebollada: Spanish National Center for Cardiovascular Research - Madrid, Spain

Diego Balboa: University of Helsinki - Finland

Carolina Brito-Lobato: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Martijn Brouwers: Maastricht University - Netherlands

Carolin Daniel: Helmholtz Munich and LMU Munich - Neuherberg, Germany

Asger Bach Lund: Center for Clinical Metabolic Research - Søborg, Denmark

Susanne Mandrup: University of Southern Denmark - Odense M, Denmark

Sophia Maschalidi: VIB-UGent Center for Inflammation Research - Gent, Belgium

Teresa Mezza: Catholic University of Rome - Italy

Sander W. van der Laan: UMC Utrecht - Netherlands

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 2025

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

José Javier Fuster-Ortuño: National Center for Cardiovascular Research, (CNIC) - Madrid, Spain

Amandine Gautier-Stein: University of Lyon - France

Doris Kaltenecker: Institute for Diabetes and Cancer, Helmholtz Munich - Germany

Inga Prokopenko: University of Surrey - UK

Maike Sander: Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine - Berlin, Germany

Hannele Yki-Järvinen: Helsinki University Hospital and Minerva Foundation Institute for Medical research - Finland

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 2025

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

Joan Camunas-Soler: University of Gothenburg - Sweden

Amna Khamis: University of Lille - France

Rasmus Kjøbsted: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Martin Schön: German Diabetes Center - Düsseldorf, Germany

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 2025

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

Paul McKeigue: University of Edinburgh - UK

Paolo Monti: San Raffaele Vita-Salute University - Italy

Joachim Størling: Steno Diabetes Center - Copenhagen, Denmark

Fellowship Programmes 2025

EASD 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 2025

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

Francisco J. Amaro-Gahete: University of Granada - Spain

Rocco Amendolara: Sapienza University of Rome - Italy

Po Lin Chen: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam - Netherlands

Dzhansel Hashim: Maastricht University - Netherlands

Shanshan He: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Silvia Hernández de la Red: University of Valladolid - Spain

Antonio Clavero Jimeno: University of Granada - Spain

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Sergio Miras-Moreno: University of Granada - Spain

Renata Risi: Sapienza University - Rome, Italy

Farina Leonie Schlabs: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Timotej Strmen: Umeå University - Umeå, Sweden

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 2025

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

Hiroataka Araki: Kumamoto University - Japan

Takuya Yamaoka: Japan Institute for Health Security - Tokyo, Japan

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 2025

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

Dipsikha Biswas: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Ever Espino Gonzalez: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

Carla Horváth: ETH Zurich - Switzerland

Lucas Massier: Helmholtz Munich - Germany

Mikkel Thor Olsen: Steno Diabetes Center Copenhagen - Herlev, Denmark

Ben Stocks: University of Copenhagen - Denmark

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 2025

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

Cristina Cadenas-Sanchez: University of Granada - Spain
Sindre Lee-Ødegård: University of Oslo - Norway
Jens Lund: University of Copenhagen - Denmark
Martin Schön: German Diabetes Center - Düsseldorf, Germany

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 2025:

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