

EULAR Research Funding

Research Service Voucher

Description

The Research Service Voucher provides rapid funding of up to EUR 5,000 in expenses for purchasing core services, technology/equipment, and other resources in support of rheumatic and musculoskeletal (RMD) research projects. The goal is to give investigators with limited research funds the support they need to nurture a small idea with big potential that could lead to larger subsequent funding or aid in completing a funded and impactful RMD project. Researchers can either:

- Add new data collection to an existing (“parent”) RMD project to develop new research that is distinct from the aims of the parent project.
- Collect information de novo, outside the context of an existing project, to support the development of new RMD research.

Open date (earliest submission date):	January 3, 2022
Letter of intent due date:	Not applicable
Application due dates:	March 31, 2022 June 30, 2022 September 30, 2022 December 31, 2022

Examples of allowable costs may include but are not limited to:

- Fees for research support services, e.g., biobanking-associated costs
- Fees for measurement/analysis/testing service performed by outside labs core facilities (contract research), e.g., biomarker testing, omics technologies, bioinformatics, biostatistics
- Collection of data through e.g., questionnaires, mobile technology, social media

Examples of uses that are not allowed include:

- Non-research patient care
- Travel
- Tuition, membership fees
- Durable goods, materials, and supplies
- Payment for items already in the budget of a funded research project
- Payment for services that have already been provided to the investigator

Eligibility

- Researchers and Health Professionals from all EULAR-affiliated countries.
- Although the primary metric for evaluation will be the quality of the proposal, in the event of over-subscription and otherwise equitable adjudication of merit, weighting will be given to those applications coming from regions in which rheumatology research has received lower levels of research support on a historical basis, or that has been under-represented in abstract submission rates to the EULAR Congress.
- Investigators are eligible to receive one voucher award per year. Only one application per research group per cycle will be accepted.

Budget and financial requirements

- The budget may not exceed EUR 5,000 per project (with only listings of direct costs).
- If awarded a voucher, all funds will need to be spent within 12 months of account establishment.
- Cost sharing and attempts to raise funds from other sources are encouraged.

Application requirements

- Applicants must justify their needs for a research voucher and indicate how the coverage of costs will contribute to their research outcomes.
- Awardees will be required to present proof-of-payment as outlined in the budget and complete the follow-up impact survey.

Review and decision process (pilot phase during 1st year):

- Applications will be reviewed quarterly.
- The anticipated number of vouchers is contingent upon EULAR appropriations and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.

Acknowledgment of EULAR Research Support

All publications and projects resulting from the utilization of any EULAR Research resources, funding, and support services are required to credit EULAR.

Credit EULAR funding/voucher support

Grant/ voucher citation language: "This work was supported by a grant/ voucher (#ADD HERE) from the European Alliance of Associations for Rheumatology (EULAR). The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of EULAR."

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