

How to become a EULAR Recommended Methodologist

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Who is a EULAR Recommended Methodologist?

This nomenclature is used for people who help and guide (process-wise) the convenors of EULAR initiatives to develop recommendations, criteria or points to consider. They ensure the process is fully valid, and the EULAR standardised operating procedures are followed correctly. They are the guarantors (with the project leader) of the quality of the process to develop the recommendations/criteria/points to consider. For EULAR projects which are accepted, a methodologist from the recommended list is always involved.

Who can become a EULAR Recommended Methodologist?

This 'position' is open to rheumatologists, health professionals in rheumatology, or epidemiologists from any EULAR member country with knowledge of systematic literature reviews, consensus processes and the EULAR standardised operating procedures for EULAR-endorsed recommendations (Ann Rheum Dis. 2015 Jan;74(1):8-13). The person applying must also have good knowledge of methodology overall, e.g. as attested by a diploma such as a Master's degree in epidemiology or equivalent. Only applicants that have previously acted as a methodologist in at least one fully published EULAR project/task force are eligible to immediately become a "EULAR recommended methodologists". All other candidates will have to undergo an intermediate step and they will only be eligible to become "co-methodologists" in first instance. We are always happy to have new people on board and welcome applications!

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Interested persons are asked to contact the EULAR Secretariat (patrizia.jud@eular.org) and provide:

- CV
- a short motivation letter (maximum 500 words)
- the publications corresponding to the criteria list (systematic literature reviews and recommendations)

Of note, if you have already served as methodologist in charge for a fully published EULAR recommendation/points to consider, you should already be on the recommended list, if this is not the case please contact us