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## N-ECCO Travel Award Fact Sheet

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The European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO) offers Travel Awards as an opportunity for IBD Nurses to visit different Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Centres in Europe, and to observe and learn from IBD nursing services. IBD Nurses have the possibility to:

- visit a centre in another country OR
- visit a different centre located in their own country

One N-ECCO Travel Award may be awarded in 2023.

In order to be eligible:

- N-ECCO Travel Award applicants and their host supervisors need to be ECCO Members at the time of application.
- N-ECCO Travel Awards are not limited to applicants from ECCO Member countries. Applicants from non-European countries have to clearly state the impact of the proposed project on the IBD Community.
- The candidate and host nurse should have a reasonable command of the English language (written and oral).
- N-ECCO Travel Awards aim to enhance the opportunity for IBD Nurses to visit European centres. They are not designed to support travel to congresses or meetings.
- The principal purpose of the Travel Awards is to enhance the fabric of ECCO. Exceptional circumstances such as an applicant from an ECCO Member Country travelling to a non-member country will be considered, but such an application is likely to receive a lower priority than an applicant from a member/non-member country visiting an ECCO Member Country.
- Members of ECCO Committees are excluded from applying.
- Applicants can apply for only one ECCO Award category per annual application round.

Terms of submission

1. A total of EUR 1.500 will be awarded per N-ECCO Travel Award.
2. The duration of the award is short term, and should be of a minimum 3 to 5 working days. N-ECCO needs to be informed about the duration of the stay.
3. Applications are to be submitted by **August 1** using the [ECCO Fellowships and Grants Online Submission Pages](#) and should contain the following information:
  - CV of the applicant
  - a confirmation letter from the Head of Department of the host centre.
  - a confirmation letter from the Head of Department of the home employer/institute.
  - The purpose of the visit needs to be stated in detail (incl. time/dates, place and duration of the visit) and clear learning objectives are to be provided (short personal introduction, aim of the visit and expectations in relation to the enhancement of patient care).

4. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications in **October**. Payment will be processed before **December 31**, contingent upon signing the N-ECCO Travel Award form.
5. A synopsis of the N-ECCO Travel Award experience at the host institute of max. 150 words (including short summary of the centre visited, the goals achieved, the impact of the visit, knowledge gained, and skills enhanced) is to be submitted upon completion of award and no later than 12 months after receiving the award. The synopsis is to be submitted to the ECCO Office for publication in ECCO News. For report templates, please contact the ECCO Office at [ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu). Additionally, the N-ECCO awardee can be requested to give a short presentation about the N-ECCO Travel Award experience at the annual N-ECCO Network Meeting at the ECCO Congress.

### Review Process

1. All applications are reviewed and scored by N-ECCO Committee Members and approved by SciCom, based on the following criteria:
  - Relevance of topic
  - Personal development opportunity
  - Impact for ECCO
2. The N-ECCO Committee scores and reviews the applications, and those applications with the highest rankings are then reviewed by the ECCO Governing Board.
3. The final decision is made by the ECCO Governing Board.

### Scoring System

The following procedure for the scoring system for N-ECCO Travel Awards has been agreed on:

1. *Review by N-ECCO*: Each Travel Award application from IBD Nurses will be reviewed by two members of N-ECCO and confirmed by SciCom, and will be scored according to the three evaluation criteria.
2. *Ranking*: Applications are ranked according to their overall average scores.
3. *Final approval*: by the ECCO Governing Board.
4. *Acceptance/rejection letters*: the ECCO Office will inform all N-ECCO Travel Award applicants of the outcome of their applications.