

ESPEN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS 2012

ESPEN supports innovation and excellence in research in the broad field of nutritional and metabolic sciences. For that purpose, ESPEN has decided to dedicate a total amount of €250,000 to projects selected by the Scientific Committee in 2012.

Members of ESPEN are eligible to apply for these grants.

The ESPEN Scientific Committee will review and score the Research Fellowship applications. Then, a ranking list of the research projects will be made by the chairman of the scientific committee. In May 2012, the ranking list will be presented to the ESPEN Executive Committee and awardees will be nominated according to the list of the selected applications.

The chairman of the Scientific Committee will award the ESPEN Research Fellowships at the ESPEN research award ceremony at the annual ESPEN congress.

The application form can be obtained from the ESPEN website: <http://www.espen.org>. The deadline for the application is 6 pm CET on **9th March 2012**. Applications received by Email after the deadline will not be considered.

The following are the rules for the Fellowship applications:

1. Either the applicant or the principal supervisor must be a member of ESPEN. Applications for membership of ESPEN can be made at <http://www.espen.org>.
2. The applicant must be a doctor/nurse/dietician/pharmacist/scientist in training. Applicants who have obtained faculty/substantive scientist positions are not eligible. Post-doctoral applicants will only be eligible within 3 years of the award of a PhD.
3. Previous recipients of an ESPEN Research Fellowship are not eligible to apply. This rule does not apply to supervisors.
4. The application must be submitted on the prescribed form and must be complete in all respects. Failure to adhere to this will result in disqualification.
5. Applications received after the submission deadline will not be considered.
6. The total amount requested may be used to partially fund a project for which funding has already been obtained.
7. Appropriate break down of costs/salaries must be provided.
8. A letter of support from the applicant's Head of Department is mandatory.
9. In principle, no more than one fellowship will be awarded to the same Institution and no more than two fellowships will be awarded to one country.
10. It would aid the Fellowship appraisal process considerably if Directors of laboratories would only submit the best 2 applications from their group or laboratory
11. Ethics approval/animal licenses must ideally be obtained before submission of the application. If ethical/animal license submissions have been made at the time of application, evidence of submission must be provided. Full approval is mandatory before award of the fellowship.

12. The scope of the application must be realistic and the work should be completed within 2 years. The successful applicants will be expected to present their results at the ESPEN 2014 Congress.
13. The successful fellows must submit a report of their work to the Scientific Committee by 31 October 2014. They will be encouraged to submit manuscripts of their work to Clinical Nutrition, which is the official peer reviewed journal of ESPEN. The manuscripts will be subject to the normal peer review process of the Journals and acceptance is not guaranteed.
14. The ESPEN Fellowship grant must be acknowledged on all abstracts and publications arising from the funded work.

Guidelines for the Grant application are indicated in the ESPEN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS 2012 APPLICATION FORM. The application should indicate:

- Principal investigator (must be a member of ESPEN)
- Institute and location/address
- Application Title
- Background
- Working hypothesis and aims of the research
- Methods to be used (including justification of the number of patients, statistical evaluation and a time frame)
- Importance for clinical nutrition
- Importance for ESPEN
- Scientific merit
- Feasibility of the project
- Timeline of the projects
- Applicants and facilities, including the partners of the project
- Organization, budget, personnel