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European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes (EFSD) and Lilly

European Diabetes Research Programme

Request for Applications

Deadline for submission of applications: 1 September 2015

Background

The European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes (EFSD) was created by the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) to provide multiple funding initiatives in all areas of diabetes research. The aims of EFSD are to encourage and support research in the field of diabetes, to rapidly diffuse acquired knowledge and to facilitate its application.

Lilly has for more than 85 years been a worldwide leader in diabetes care. Based in Indianapolis, USA Lilly introduced the world's first commercial insulin in 1923 and remains at the forefront of pharmaceutical and delivery-devise innovation to manage diabetes. Lilly Diabetes is Lilly's integrated and global business dedicated to providing personal solutions for everyday life for people who live with and treat diabetes.

Programme and Research Focus

The **EFSD/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.

To achieve its goals and objectives the Fund is issuing a request for applications (RFA) for research grants. The EFSD/Lilly Programme will accept applications within any area of basic or clinical diabetes research.

Mechanism of Support and Review

Research will be supported through the award of grants, each of up to Euro 100,000. The duration of each award may be one year or longer, depending upon the needs of the project and as justified in the application. EFSD may, on advisement from the Review Committee, recommend an award in a different amount from that requested, but which is considered more appropriate for the proposed studies.

Applicants who have a funding requirement larger than Euro 100,000 are also invited to apply to this Programme, particularly if this relates to a clinical research project. In this case, the relevant financial requirements should be indicated and justified in the budget section of the application form.

Studies forming part of a larger project will be considered for funding but this will need to be well justified in the application (see Review Considerations).

Applications for an EFSD/Lilly Research Programme grant are invited from single non-profit institutions or groups of such institutions from Europe and associated countries. The principal investigator and any co-investigators must be employed at a non-profit institution and the study must be performed at their place of work.

Applications will be subject to scientific review by a specialised and independent *ad hoc* committee. It is anticipated that applications will be received, reviewed and approved for funding by December 2015.

Prior to any final decision on funding, and in order to offer applicants the opportunity to benefit from the review process, EFSD reserves the right to request revision to applications in accordance with the recommendations of the Review Committee.

Research Grant Applications

Applications for research grants may be subjected to pre-review (or triage) procedures. In this event, any application rejected at pre-review will not be subject to a complete scientific review.

The deadline for receipt of research grant applications for funding this year is **1 September 2015**.

All budgets are to be prepared in Euro. For countries in which the Euro is not yet the common currency, the exchange rate (between the Euro and the local currency in the country where the work is to be performed) used for calculating the Euro budget must be mentioned under "Budget Justification".

[Application forms may be downloaded here](#)

All applications must be prepared on the official forms and completed in strict accordance with the detailed instructions to be found on these forms. Applications which do not comply with the instructions given in the application form will not be considered for review.

Please send your application as one complete PDF e.mail to the following address before 12:00 noon (CET) on the deadline date: Foundation@easd.org

Review Considerations

Completed applications will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria stated below for scientific/technical merit by an appropriate and independent scientific committee. Review criteria are as follows:

- **Significance:** Does the study address an important problem in keeping with the goals and focus areas of this Programme? If the aims of the application are achieved, how will scientific knowledge be advanced? What will be the effect of the proposed studies on the concepts or methods that drive this field?
- **Approach:** Are the conceptual framework, design, methods and analyses adequately developed, well integrated, and appropriate to the aims of the project? Are they supported by preliminary data? Does the applicant acknowledge potential problem areas and consider alternative tactics?
- **Innovation:** Does the project employ novel concepts, approaches or methods? Are the aims original and

innovative? Does the project challenge existing paradigms or develop new methodologies or technologies?

- **Investigator:** Is the investigator appropriately trained and well suited to carry out this work? Is the work proposed appropriate to the experience level of the principal investigator and other researchers, if any?
- **Environment:** Does the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Do the proposed studies take advantage of unique features of the scientific environment or employ useful collaborative arrangements? Is there evidence of institutional support?
- **Budget and feasibility:** Is the requested budget appropriate for the proposed study? Is the requested duration suitable for completion of the project?
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Contribution towards a larger research project: Is the work described in the application intended as part of a larger project? If so, is there any overlap? Is there a clear explanation how the new work will contribute towards the overall success of that larger project?

Reporting Requirements and Approval of Funding

All investigators funded by this Programme are required to submit a scientific report at the end of the funding period. For those projects where funding is distributed over a period of more than one year, interim progress reports will also be required. Such reports will be subject to assessment prior to the release of any further funds. Investigators must provide EFSD with copies of papers accepted for publication, and must acknowledge the support of the Programme in all written material by use of the phrase: "supported by an EFSD/Lilly research grant".

Competitive Renewal

Applications for a grant renewal will be accepted on a competitive basis, with the same review process as described in this Announcement. Such applications will thus be considered in the same fashion as all other new applications received for review and without any special priority.

Schedule

Announcement:	May 2015
Application Deadline:	1 September 2015
Anticipated Award:	December 2015

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