



Junior Researcher Award



Vasco da Gama Movement

VdGM Junior Researcher Award

As adopted by the Europe Council in Malaga (2010)



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What purpose ?

- General practice (GP) and Family Medicine (FM) is known to be an emerging field for research activities all over the world
- It's comprehensive, population based scope implies special demands for multi-methodological research skills
- VdGM aims to promote a generation of junior GP/FM doctors who include research skills with patient care as a life time career
- VdGM therefore provides an annual junior researcher award
- This award honors outstanding research and researchers careers who are GP/FM trainees or junior GP/FM with up to 5 years working experience after graduation

Who can apply?

- GP/FM trainees, junior GP/FMs (up to 5 years after graduation from vocational training)
- Finished research project with an impact on the field of general practice
- One publication per candidate is accepted
- Every VdGM national representative can propose one researcher for his/her country, using the selection grid as proposed by VdGM (annexe)

Members of the jury

- Liaison person Research Theme group as representative of the VdGM EG
- Another member of the Research Theme group
- A member of EGPRN
- 2 external guest members as appointed by VdGM (senior researchers with experience)



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Practical considerations

Application only through VdGM national representatives (Europe council members)

- Documents to be sent:
 1. a copy of passport or identity card
 2. a copy of student registration or document of graduation
 3. a short letter of presentation from the candidate (max 500 words)
 4. the national grid as filled out by the national representative or person responsible for national selection
 5. a copy of the research project as submitted by the candidate
- Deadline for application to the national representatives is 31st January , deadline for the proposal of the national candidate is 31st March prior to the WONCA Europe conference.
- Jury will define 3 final candidates before July 1st
- 3 final candidates will be invited to present their project during a VdGM workshop in the main conference (junior champions in GP-research).
- The final winner(s) (maximum 2 per year) will be pronounced during this workshop.
- 2000€ (two thousand) will be given to the winner (1000€ in case there are two winners)

The winner will allow VdGM to publish CV, portrait photography and research abstract on the VdGM website as examples of Champions of Research as general practice clinicians.



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Annexe – Rating grid

Topic	Criterion	Score (points)
Research related	Question is clearly stated (1-5 points)	1-5
	Question is relevant for clinical GP/ FM practice (1-5 points)	1-5
	Method used is appropriate (1-5 points)	1-5
	Results are discussed on background of prior evidence (1-5 points)	1-5
	Efforts of researcher to disseminate the results (1-5 points)	1-5
	Total score research part (counts as 60%)	max of 25
Researcher related	Difficulties encountered while preparing / working on research project (1-3 points)	1-3
	Barriers for the researcher to perform research [eg. personal situation, lack of support from universities] (1-3 points)	1-3
	European country below average gross domestic product at purchasing power parity per capita* (2 points)	0 or 2
	Total score researcher part (counts as 40%)	max of 8
Total Score	60% of 25 points plus 40% of 8 points**	max of 18

* **European Countries with a lower then average GDP:**
Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Malta, Croatia, Turkey, F.Y.R.O.M.

** round half up