



Guidelines for funding persons/projects from the EFCO Scientific Foundation

1. The purpose of the EFCO Scientific Foundation is to financially support :
 - Scientific studies in Conservative Dentistry and related disciplines with European character, as start-up financing.
 - Scientific visits (3-12 months) in European Dental Schools to do research. Applications to fund scientific visits to non-European Dental Schools may also be considered if it can be demonstrated that the visit will benefit European research. As a rule, scientists/dentists/hygienists, which are not in administrative charge of a department, will be eligible for funding. The scientist submitting the project should basically be a younger scientist (below 35 years old). Also letter(s) of acceptance of the institution(s) where the project will be developed is necessary at the time of the submission to EFCO Scientific Foundation.
2. Scientific projects pertaining to Conservative Dentistry and related disciplines, as well as research in teaching may be funded. The project should be international and preferably be within European countries which are full or associate members of EFCO.
3. The possibility of funding must be made on an annual base.
4. Every applicant must have an equal chance to be funded. The independent, objective and fair evaluation is guaranteed by the Committee of the EFCO Scientific Foundation.
5. Applications for funding must be filed by a natural person or a group of natural persons. If a group is applying, then a responsible person must be defined.
6. The request must be as detailed as possible. The aim of the project must be stated as well as hypotheses and preliminary work. Detailed description of materials and methods, including the budgeted expenses must be stated. If applicable, travel expenses and lodging costs should be included.
7. If the financial support is for only part of a project, then the contribution of the EFCO must be specified.
8. Funding will be to promote international European contacts. Therefore, it may not be used to finance personal needs in the institution of the applicant or in the receiving institution other than applicant.
9. Applications can be sent at any time, will be evaluated by the Committee for the EFCO Scientific Foundation and a decision will be taken at the following EFCO Executive Commission meeting (normally, in April and October).



10. The EFCD Scientific Foundation will decide how many grants and the number of grants and the amount of the funding is limited by the availability of funds to the Foundation and the scientific level of the applications received.
11. The funding may not exceed the finances necessary to fulfill the scientific purpose and the cost of living/necessary travelling during the defined funding period. The recipient of the funding will be obliged to specify and justify and provide evidence of his/her expenses during the funding time.
12. After termination of the funding period, the EFCD will NOT pay for any additional costs, over and above the sum awarded.
13. The Committee of the EFCD Scientific Foundation may check if the requested funds are justified and if the prerequisites for conducting the planned project are given.
14. The recipient of a grant must deliver a detailed report on the project and the spending of the funds no later than 3 months after the end of the funding time to the President of the EFCD. If this report is not delivered, the Executive Committee of the EFCD will normally request a payback of the funds from the recipient.
15. As a rule, results obtained during the funding time with the funding of the EFCD Scientific Foundation, should be published in an international journal. The paper should include a statement of the funding by the EFCD Scientific Foundation. The recipient is required to send a reprint of the articles to the President of the EFCD.
16. Recipients of grants will attend the ConsEuro meeting to be held immediately after the finalization of the research, and present his/her results, obtained during the funding time, during a special session that will be prepared by the scientific committee of the meeting.
17. Based on the recommendation of the Committee of the EFCD Scientific Foundation, the Executive Committee of the EFCD decides who and how much funding will be granted. This decision is final and may not be challenged. Any legal actions are explicitly excluded.