

ESGE–PENTAX Medical Ergonomics Research Grant - Terms & Conditions for applicants

1. General

The ESGE–PENTAX Medical Ergonomics Research Grant (the “Grant”) supports independent research aimed at improving the understanding, measurement and prevention of ergonomic risks in gastrointestinal endoscopy.

The Grant is administered by the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) with financial support from PENTAX Medical. Submission of an application implies full acceptance of these Terms & Conditions.

2. Eligibility

The principal applicant must be an ESGE Individual Member with an active membership at the application deadline and must be affiliated with a recognised medical, academic or research institution.

Applications are accepted worldwide and from investigators at all career stages. Co-investigators are not required to be ESGE members. The proposed project must meet the scope and eligibility requirements set out in the Grant call.

3. Application

Applications must be submitted in English through the ESGE online application system by the published deadline. Late, incomplete or otherwise ineligible applications will not be considered.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the information provided is accurate and complete and for declaring relevant conflicts of interest and any other funding received or requested for the same project.

4. Evaluation and selection

Applications will be reviewed independently by reviewers appointed through the ESGE Research Committee. PENTAX Medical will have no role in the scientific review, scoring, ranking or selection of applications. ESGE’s decision is final.

5. Grant amount and payment

One Grant of €8,000 will be awarded. The Grant will normally be paid in two instalments:

- **First instalment:** after ESGE receives the signed award documentation, confirmation of the project start date and the required ethical and institutional approvals. These documents must be supplied within 12 months of notification of the award.
- **Second instalment:** after ESGE receives and accepts a satisfactory interim scientific and financial report. The second instalment must be requested no later than two years after receipt of ethical approval.
- If formal ethical approval is not required, the awardee must provide written confirmation from the competent institution or authority.

6. Use of the Grant

The Grant may be used only for reasonable and necessary costs of the approved project. Institutional overhead may not exceed 5% of the total Grant.

The awardee must maintain appropriate financial records. Any significant change to the approved project, budget, principal investigator or host institution requires ESGE's prior written approval. Unspent or ineligible funds may be required to be returned.

7. Project responsibilities and deadlines

The awardee is responsible for the conduct and completion of the project. Recruitment or data collection must not begin until all required ethical, institutional and regulatory approvals are in place.

The project must be completed within 24 months of receipt of the first instalment. The awardee must:

- submit an interim scientific and financial report before requesting the second instalment;
- submit a final scientific and financial report when the project is completed; and
- inform ESGE promptly of any material delay, change or circumstance that may prevent completion of the project.

Failure to submit the required reports or comply with the agreed timetable may result in suspension or discontinuation of the Grant.

8. Scientific independence and intellectual property

The investigators retain ownership of the research data and intellectual property they create, subject to applicable institutional agreements and law. They remain fully responsible for the study design, conduct, analysis, interpretation and publication.

PENTAX Medical will have no right to direct the project or influence its findings or publication. The Grant does not require the use, purchase, recommendation or favourable evaluation of any PENTAX Medical product or service.

9. Ethics, data protection and compliance

The awardee must conduct the project in accordance with all applicable laws, ethical requirements, data protection rules and recognised standards of research integrity. ESGE and PENTAX Medical accept no responsibility for the conduct of the project or its outcomes.

10. Publications and acknowledgement

Results should be disseminated regardless of whether they are positive, negative or inconclusive. All publications, abstracts and presentations resulting from the project must acknowledge:

“Supported by the ESGE–PENTAX Medical Ergonomics Research Grant.”

Relevant funding and conflicts of interest must also be disclosed. The ESGE or PENTAX Medical name or logo may not be used to imply endorsement of a product or commercial claim.

11. Data use and publicity

ESGE will process application data for the administration, evaluation and management of the Grant. Full applications and applicant personal data will not be shared with PENTAX Medical as part of the selection process.

The successful applicant agrees that ESGE and PENTAX Medical may publish the awardee’s name, institution, country, project title, a non-confidential project description and the amount awarded. Any additional photographs or interviews will be arranged separately.

12. Acceptance and withdrawal of funding

By submitting an application, the applicant confirms that they have read and agree to be bound by these Terms & Conditions.

ESGE may suspend or withdraw the Grant, withhold an instalment or require repayment if the application contained materially inaccurate information, required approvals are not obtained, funds are misused, reports are not submitted, or the project materially departs from the approved proposal without prior agreement.



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