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## Instructions and Guidelines EFSD/Lilly Young Investigator Research Award and EFSD Rising Star Fellowship Application

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## 1) General Information

### EFSD/Lilly Young Investigator Research Award and EFSD Rising Star Fellowship Programme Rules and Regulations:

- Applicants must have received their highest degree (PhD, MD, DMD, DVM, or equivalent) no more than five (basic scientist) or seven years (clinician) before 1 January in the year the award is made. For clinicians holding more than one qualifying degree (e.g. MD PhD) or with a clinical specialist degree/board certification, the time since the first degree may not exceed ten years before 1 January in the year the award is made.
  - Time periods spent on maternity/paternity leave, long-term illness or other exceptional circumstances will be taken into account, if clearly described (further documentation may be requested at the discretion of EFSD).
- Applicants must be employed by a non-profit institution based in Europe or an associated country (a detailed country list is provided on the [EFSD website](#) in the General Regulations section) and the study must be performed at their place of work based in Europe or an associated country.
- For an EFSD/Lilly Young Investigator Research Award, applicants may not hold a permanent appointment.
- Applicants must be paid-up **EASD members** or have an EASD membership application pending. Details on how to become a member can be found on the EASD website: [www.easd.org](http://www.easd.org).
- Young Investigator Research Awards will be in the amount of Euro 50,000 each. Rising Star Fellowships will be in the amount of Euro 30,000 each. The awards will be paid to the recipient's institution.
- **Investigators may only hold a single EFSD award at any given time.** This regulation applies to principal investigators as well as co-investigators. It does not apply to collaborators. The **EFSD Rising Star Fellowship Programme**, EFSD Future Leaders Mentorship Programme for Clinical Diabetologists and EFSD Albert Renold Travel Fellowship Programme are **exempt from this regulation**.
  - Recipients of an EFSD award may apply for new funding to the same or to another EFSD programme on the condition that the current award is nearing completion (within six months). In this case, the new award cannot be activated until the existing project has been terminated and a final scientific report received.
- The duration of each award may be one year or longer, depending upon the needs of the project and as justified in the application.
- Studies forming part of a larger project will be considered for funding, but this will need to be well justified in the application.
- All applications will be subject to scientific review by a specialised and independent *ad hoc* committee.
- Award activation documents must be returned to the EFSD Office within six months from the date of the EFSD award confirmation notice. In exceptional cases and with the prior permission of the EFSD Office, this time period may be extended a further

six months. Any funding which has not been activated within twelve months of the award date will be automatically withdrawn.

- All funded principal investigators are required to submit a scientific report at the end of the project period. In addition, funded principal investigators are asked to submit information on their research outcomes in the online questionnaire system Researchfish annually during the period of the award and for up to five years after the award has terminated.
- A list of all EFSD regulations can be found on the Programmes link of the EFSD website: <http://www.europeandiabetesfoundation.org/programmes/general-regulations.html>
- For **programme specific** focus areas, review criteria, additional regulations, funding amounts and eligibility criteria, refer also to the programme's Request for Application (RFA) which is published on the [EFSD website](#).

## IMPORTANT

- **You must submit your application by 23:59 (CET) on the deadline date!** You submit your application by pressing the "Submit Application" button at the end of the submission form. Only submitted applications will be checked by the EFSD office and forwarded to the reviewers.
- All correspondence regarding your application and award, in case of a successful application, will be sent **only to the email provided in this application**. This email address may be different from the one used for your MyEASD account.
- After submitting your application, you will receive an automatic confirmation email which will also include a link (see next point). Should you not receive this confirmation, please check your spam folder, then contact CTI technical support [oasis@support.ctimeetingtech.com](mailto:oasis@support.ctimeetingtech.com)
- After submission of your application, you and your responsible financial officer will receive automated emails to the addresses provided in the application. **To finalize the application, you and your responsible financial officer must confirm the information accessed through a link provided in these emails.** These confirmations may be made up to 3 working days after the Programme deadline date. More information regarding this confirmation is provided in chapter 9.
- Within two weeks of the programme deadline date you will receive a second email once your application has been checked by the EFSD office. Should you have not received confirmation by then, please contact the EFSD Office [foundation@easd.org](mailto:foundation@easd.org).

## Help

If you are having **technical difficulties** with the system, please contact

[oasis@support.ctimeetingtech.com](mailto:oasis@support.ctimeetingtech.com)

or call +1-217 398 1792 (Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm US CT).

For **any other queries**, please contact the EFSD Office

[foundation@easd.org](mailto:foundation@easd.org)

or call +49-211-75 84 69-0 (Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm CET).

## 2) Access the EFSD Online Application System

The EFSD online application system can be accessed via the [MyEASD](#) platform.

A link to the MyEASD Login is provided [here](#) or in the upper right corner of the [EFSD](#) and [EASD](#) home pages.

Log in to MyEASD with the email address and password from your existing account for EASD Membership or any other EASD application (EASD Annual Meeting Registration, EASD Annual Meeting Abstract Submission, EASD e-Learning, or EASD Virtual Meeting). If you do not have a MyEASD account yet, you will need to create one.

Once you are logged in at MyEASD, click on the “EFSD Applications” link and you will be directed to the start page of the EFSD online application system.

If you access the EFSD online application system for the first time, you will have to approve the third party data access confirmation by clicking on “I approve”. Then you will be directed to the start page of the EFSD online application system.

## 3) Getting Started in the EFSD Online Application System

Instructions on how to operate this online application system will be written in blue.

On the start page of the EFSD online application system is an overview which programmes are currently open for application in which application year. Towards the end of a year there will be more than one application year with open programmes.

To get to the programme you want to submit an application for or edit an existing one, click on the cube/grid icon in the upper left corner of the page, next to the home button. Then select the application year that contains your programme of interest.

You will be directed to the “Instructions and Guidelines” page of the application year you selected where you will find some general instructions and where you can download more detailed instructions and guidelines (e.g. this document) for your application type (e.g. grant, travel fellowship).

To begin a new application or access an existing one, click the “Applications” link in the page header.

Choose the programme you want to apply for and click “+ Add new” to begin an application.

To access an existing application, click on its title displayed below the programme name.

## 4) EFSD/Lilly Young Investigator Research Award or EFSD Rising Star Fellowship Application

Instructions on how to operate this online application system will be written in blue.

To submit an EFSD/Lilly Young Investigator Research Award or EFSD Rising Star Fellowship application to EFSD in this system, you have to complete 11 steps, with the first step being to create a new application from the system's start page, followed by 10 steps or sections of the actual application.

Once you started an application, the steps or sections of the application process are shown in a menu on the left-hand and can be accessed by clicking on the respective term.

All fields marked \* are required and you have to complete all required items in a step before you can then click "Save and Continue" and thereby save your work entered in this section. You will then automatically be directed to the next application section.

You can exit your application and the website at any time and your input will be automatically saved once you completed all required items in a section and clicked "Save and Continue".

**You can re-enter the system and continue and/or edit your application any time before the programme deadline as long as you have not submitted your proposal yet.**

When you are ready to submit your application, click the "Submit Application" button at the end of the submission form. You can only submit an application when all required steps are completed.

After submitting your proposal and before the programme deadline, you will be able to access your application but you will not be able to make any more edits.

After the submission deadline you will no longer be able to access your application.

**IMPORTANT!** You must submit your application by 23:59 CET on the deadline date or it will not be forwarded to the reviewers!

### Step 1: Begin or Edit an Application

**To create a new application**, click the "+ Add New" button for the programme you want to submit an application for.

You can edit your application any time before the programme deadline as long as you have not submitted your proposal (by pressing the "Submit Application" button at the end of the submission form). **A submitted application will have the proposal status "Locked"**, a not yet submitted application will have the status "Incomplete" or "Complete", respectively.

**To modify an existing proposal**, click on its title displayed below the programme name.

To make any edits, click the left-hand menu for the section you would like to edit.

**IMPORTANT!** Remember to click "Save and Continue" after making any edits!

## Step 2: Proposal Information

In this section you are asked to submit the following information:

- Title of proposal (max 100 characters including spaces)  
*Please note, the provided text field will only accept max 100 characters, any additional characters will be automatically cut off.*
- Total budget requested  
*Please enter here the **fixed budget** for your programme:  
Young Investigator Research Awards: Euro 50,000;  
Rising Star Fellowships: Euro 30,000  
Please fill in only numbers, the system will format automatically.*
- Project type (clinical or basic)  
*Clinical research is defined as a study performed in vivo, in human individuals with focus on clinically relevant and diabetes-related outcomes.*
- Project duration (project period in months, project start and end date)  
*For project start and end dates, only the respective month and year are requested. If your project is for example over 12 months starting in January, you may either use December the same year or January the following year as the project end date.*
- Scientific abstract (max 2,500 characters including spaces)  
*Please note, the abstract text field will only accept up to 2,500 characters. If your abstract is within this limit but appears truncated in the field, please check if it includes any special characters or hidden characters that are not accepted by the system.*
- Up to five keywords (optional)

Fill in all required information and click “Save and Continue”.

**IMPORTANT:** You have to complete this section to start the application process and to gain access to the Applicant and Financial Officer sections (steps 9 and 10). You may, however, edit it later.

## Step 3: Financial Support

In this section you are asked to submit information on:

- Other active EFSD applications (if any)  
*You are welcome to apply for several EFSD programmes at the same time, this information only serves to expedite EFSD processes in case of a successful application.*
- Other support sought for this particular project (if any)
- Previous and current EFSD awards (if any)
- All your other financial support (if any)

In addition, upload the **abstract pages of all sources of support** (pending or current) as a single pdf file in the Additional Documents section (step 8).

**IMPORTANT!** Please be aware that in general, EFSD does not support a principal investigator or co-investigator with more than one EFSD award at any given time, whether or not the projects are in related fields and independent of the EFSD programme providing the respective funding. This rule also applies for recipients of an EFSD/Lilly Young Investigator Research Award. Recipients of an EFSD award may apply for new funding to the same or to another EFSD programme on the condition that the current award is nearing completion (within six months). In this case, the new award cannot be activated until the existing project has been terminated and a final scientific report received. The **EFSD Rising Star Fellowship Programme**, EFSD Future Leaders Mentorship Programme for Clinical Diabetologists and EFSD Albert Renold Travel Fellowship Programme are **exempt from this regulation**.

Be completely open about support from other sources, including support from pharmaceutical industry. If the project is already supported from other sources, please explain this in detail and justify the additional/complementary resources requested.

Please give funding amounts in Euro, regardless of budget currency.

Fill in all required information and click “Save and Continue”.

Upload the abstract pages of all sources of support (if any) as a single pdf file in the Additional Documents section (step 8).

#### **Step 4: Ethical Approval**

In this section you are asked if your project involves experiments requiring ethical approval/s.

Please **do not include approvals as part of this application** (e.g. as an upload).

Should this application result in the granting of an award, a copy of the confirmation and/or signature page of all ethical human and/or animal approval/s will need to be attached to the award activation documentation. The approval/s must conform to the national laws of the country where the research is to be carried out. Please note that no payments will be transferred until the appropriate approval/s have been granted and a copy received in the EFSD Office.

Answer the mandatory question and click “Save and Continue”.

#### **Step 5: Budget**

In this section you are asked to provide a detailed budget for your project using the budget table A provided as a download.

A copy of budget table A is also provided in chapter 12 of this document.

The total budget requested and budget period that you provided in the Proposal Information section (step 2) will be automatically reproduced in this section and vice versa.

The total budget submitted must match the fixed budget of the programme you are applying to.

The budget period (time) during which the sum requested will be spent according to the specific needs of the project must be clearly stated and justified where indicated.

If the sum requested is part of a larger overall costing, then this may be explained in the Budget Justification section (step 7).

Please state your costs in Euros. If you are applying from a country outside the Euro Zone, please convert your local currency into Euros, using the exchange rate on the date of your application.

For salary requests, please note that EFSD accepts gross salaries including social charges and fringe benefits. The salary requested may not exceed (% effort) x (gross salary for the time period of the project).

Requests for indirect costs may not be higher than 10% of the subtotal direct costs.

Download budget table A using the link provided in this section, complete the budget document and then paste it into the editor in the online application system. Then click "Save and Continue".

For details on consultant/contractual costs, fill out budget table B in the Contractual Costs section (step 6) and enter the total amount into section D of the main budget table.

**IMPORTANT! Do not** deviate from this format, any budgets not submitted in the correct format will not be reviewed.

## **Step 6: Contractual Costs**

In this section you are asked to provide a detailed budget for any contractual costs (i.e. work carried out at another institution or company) requested in the detailed main budget (step 5) using the budget table B provided as a download.

A copy of budget table B is also provided in chapter 13 of this document.

Please list equipment costs also under Equipment in your main budget (step 5).

Download budget table B using the link provided in this section, complete the budget document and then paste it into the editor in the online application system. Then click "Save and Continue".

Enter the total amount of your contractual costs (subtotal direct costs in table B) into section D: Consultant / Contractual Costs in main budget table A (step 5).

**If your budget does not include any contractual costs, fill in n/a.** Please do not paste the empty budget table into the editor.

**IMPORTANT! Do not** deviate from this format, any contractual costs not submitted in the correct format will not be reviewed.



## Step 7: Budget Justification

In this important section you are asked to provide a justification for each item listed in the budget including contractual costs, as well as for the expected duration (time in months) of the project.

Provide clear justification for each budget item. This will allow the reviewers to determine whether the budget is appropriate for the proposed work. It might be helpful to explain local funding policies underlying certain requests.

This budget justification will be reviewed carefully and the Review Committee may on occasion and at its discretion recommend an award in a lesser amount considered more appropriate for the proposed studies.

Fill in all required information and click “Save and Continue”.

## Step 8: Additional Documents

In this section you are asked to upload your biographical sketch, full research plan, letter/s of support from your current and (if not identical also) future supervisor/mentor and, if applicable, your collaborative agreements and abstract pages from other sources of support.

A list of the documents you are required to upload in this section as part of your application can be found in table 1 below and in chapter 11 of this document.

<b>Uploads mandatory for every application</b>	
Biographical Sketch	Guidelines in chapter 5 max 3 pages, Arial 12
Research Plan	Guidelines in chapter 6 max 4 pages, Arial 12 + references
Letter/s of support from your current and (if not identical also) future supervisor/mentor	Information in chapter 7
<b>Uploads mandatory if applicable to the application</b>	
Collaborative Agreements	Guidelines in chapter 8 one single pdf
Abstract pages from all other sources of support (pending or current)	one single pdf

Table 1: List of documents required to upload in the Additional Documents section

**IMPORTANT!** Please follow our **guidelines for biographical sketches, full research plan and collaborative agreements** provided in chapters 5 - 8.

**IMPORTANT!** Comply with the **length restrictions for the biographical sketches and research plan** as documents exceeding these parameters will not be forwarded for review.

Remember to **use clear headings on your documents** as these will later be combined to a single document for the reviewers.

Please upload all documents in pdf format.

Please do not use fonts that are not commonly used (e.g. Arial MT) as these might affect the document that will be later accessed by the reviewers.

**To upload a document**, enter a description of your file (e.g. research plan) and use the "Search..." button below the description's text field to select the respective file on your computer, then click the "Add File" button to upload.

Repeat this until all files are uploaded

**IMPORTANT!** You have to enter a description of your file or you will not be able to upload!

You can check if you uploaded the correct file by clicking on the respective file caption name.

Once a file is uploaded, a "Continue" button will appear at the bottom.

Once all files have been added, click "Continue" to get to the next application section.

## **Step 9: Applicant**

In this section you are asked to enter your contact details.

Your contact details (name, institution, institutional address, phone and email address) and your EASD member number will be **automatically pre-filled from your EASD membership account**. This information can be amended in the online application system except for your name and EASD member number. If your contact information is outdated, please remember to also update your information in your EASD membership account.

If you do not have a membership account yet, you have to enter the requested information manually.

**IMPORTANT!** All correspondence regarding your application and grant in case of a successful application will be **sent only to your e-mail provided in this application**.

Applicants must be paid-up **EASD members**. Your membership number and membership status ("true" or "false" meaning active or not) will be automatically transferred from your EASD membership account and you will not be able to make edits to these fields.

If you are not an EASD member, a number following EFSD\_ will appear in the EASD member number field and the information "false" for your member status.

**If you are not yet an EASD member or if your EASD membership has expired**, you have to become an EASD member or renew your membership, or your application

will not be considered for funding. You may, however, apply for EASD membership and an EFSD award at the same time. To renew, re-activate or apply for EASD membership, go to the EASD Membership section in [MyEASD](#). Here you can also access your membership profile if you are a paid-up EASD member, update your contact details and check when your membership will expire. More information on EASD membership and how to become a member can also be found on the EASD website: [www.easd.org](http://www.easd.org).

Check and/or fill in all required information and click “Save and Continue”.

You will be directed to summary page of your contact details. If you wish to return to the page where you entered your contact details, click “Edit”.

Click “Continue” to get to the next application section.

### Step 10: Financial Officer

In this section you are asked to enter the name and contact details of the responsible financial officer in your institution to whom, in case of a successful application, funds should be sent and who will keep a full account of disbursements.

Please note that there is a length restriction on the officer’s job title of 20 characters.

**IMPORTANT!** After submission of your application, your responsible financial officer will receive an automated email to the address provided in this section of the application. **To finalize the application, the responsible financial officer must confirm the information accessed through a link provided in that email.** This confirmation may be made up to 3 working days after the Programme deadline date. Please instruct your financial officer accordingly. More information on the subject of this confirmation is provided in chapter 9.

Fill in all required information and click “Save and Continue”.

Click “Continue” on the next page to get to the next application step.

To delete or edit your financial officer’s details, click “Delete” or “Edit”.

### Step 11: Summary and Submission

In this section you can review your work and submit your application once you have completed all required steps.

Note, you will only be able to submit your application if you have completed all required information.

If your application is complete, a “Submit Application” button will be displayed on the summary page.

If your application is not yet complete, you will see a notice which step(s) still need completion.

You can also view and print a printer-friendly version of your application.

To check your attached document, click on the respective file caption name in the list of “Additional Documents”.

You can edit your application any time before the programme deadline as long as you have not submitted your proposal yet.

**IMPORTANT! No changes can be made after submission!**

Check your application carefully and make sure that it is accurate and complete.

To make edits, click the left-hand menu for the section you would like to edit.

For the sections “Applicant” and “Financial Officer” you will be directed to the summary page of the corresponding section. To access their contact details, click “Edit”.

**IMPORTANT!** Remember to click “Save and Continue” after making any edits!

**To submit your application, click the “Submit Application” button.**

**IMPORTANT! You must submit your application by 23:59 CET on the programme deadline date or it will not be forwarded to the reviewers!**

Shortly after the submission, you will receive an **automatic confirmation email which will also include a link. To finalize your application, you must confirm the information accessed through this link.** If you do not receive this email, please remember to check your spam folder, then contact CTI technical support [oasis@support.ctimeetingtech.com](mailto:oasis@support.ctimeetingtech.com)

As mentioned in step 10, your responsible financial officer will receive an automated email to the addresses provided in this application. **To finalize the application, also your responsible financial officer must confirm the information accessed through a link provided in these emails.** This confirmations may be made up to 3 working days after the Programme deadline date. Please instruct your financial officer accordingly. More information regarding this confirmation is provided in chapter 9.

You as the applicant will receive a **second email once your application has been checked by the EFSD office.** If you do not receive this second email within two weeks of the programme deadline date, and it was not transferred to your spam folder, please contact the EFSD Office [foundation@easd.org](mailto:foundation@easd.org).

You will still be able to access your application after submission and before the programme deadline, but you will not be able to make any more edits.

After the programme deadline you will no longer be able to access your application.

## 5) Guidelines Biographical Sketch

**IMPORTANT!** Your biographical sketch **must not exceed 3 pages written in type no smaller than 12-point Arial with single line spacing**. Documents exceeding these parameters will not be forwarded for review.

Your biographical sketch should contain the following information:

- Name
- Date and place of birth
- Education (in reverse chronological order)
  - Name / location of college or university
  - Highest degree
  - Year conferred
  - Field of study
- Research and/or professional experience (in reverse chronological order)
- Publications (in reverse chronological order)
  - Titles of and complete references to all publications during the past three years (in reverse chronological order)
  - Earlier publications pertinent to this application
  - If a complete list of publications exceeds the three-page limit, choose those most pertinent to this application.

Please list your education and employment in **reverse chronological order**.

Upload your biographical sketch in the Additional Documents section of the application system (step 8).

## 6) Guidelines Research Plan

**IMPORTANT!** The research plan **must not exceed 4 pages written in type no smaller than 12-point Arial with single line spacing** including preliminary data (figures and tables), but excluding references. No additional material (such as manuscript reprints, appendices etc.) will be accepted. Any application exceeding this page limit will not be forwarded for review.

### General considerations

- A clear relationship to diabetes (and to any specific focus of a particular call for applications) must be obvious.
- Ensure that the sections in the proposal are balanced in length: a long introduction leaving too little space for preliminary data and a detailed work plan will decrease the chances of success.
- The review panel will consider the information provided as an example of the applicant's approach to a research objective and as an indication of ability in this area of research.

### Research plan structure

#### a. Introduction

- 1) Objective
- 2) Background and current status of research in the proposed field of study that has led to this proposal.
  - Be careful and honest in describing the background literature (work from others).
  - It is important that the reader gets a feel for novelty. Which gap in knowledge is being filled by the proposal?
  - Hypothesis: A carefully crafted introduction/background will make the formulation of the hypothesis obvious. This should be formulated as precisely and distinctly as possible. Is it novel? Is it important? If the study is hypothesis-free or descriptive, this must be justified.

#### b. Specific aims for the period of requested support

- Must succinctly describe the approach to test the hypothesis.
- Too many aims may give the impression of fragmentation.

#### c. Preliminary data

- This is an important part of the application that will provide evidence to reviewers of the rationale and feasibility of the proposed experiments.
- Refer briefly to any of your own previously published work that is directly relevant to the proposed experiments.
- Describe relevant new experiments and provide unpublished preliminary data in the form of figures or tables.

**d. Detailed plan of investigation with clearly set out project plan, methods, time plans with milestones and deliverables**

- Please state if a power analysis has been performed and provide details of same. If this is not the case, please explain why a power analysis is not applicable to the project.
- Does the work plan correspond to the aims in a direct fashion?
- Potential pitfalls: It is useful to openly discuss challenges or vulnerabilities to a certain approach and to elaborate on potential alternatives to give the feeling that the best way forward has been chosen.
- If the study is a clinical trial, all aspects of design must be carefully considered. It is helpful to ensure that appropriate expertise is represented in the proposal.

**e. Novelty and importance of this work – relevance to the specific aims of this EFSD Research Programme if applicable**

**f. Facilities available**

**g. References (not included in the page limit)**

Upload your research plan in the Additional Documents section of the application system (step 8).

## **7) Letter/s of Support**

For all applications, you are required to submit a letter of support from your current supervisor/mentor.

If you are intending to move to another institution to carry out the proposed project, you are required to submit a second letter of support from your future supervisor/mentor at the new institution.

**IMPORTANT!** Letters must be dated and printed on institutional letterhead.

Upload the letter/s of support from your supervisor/mentor/s in the Additional Documents section of the application system (step 8).

## 8) Guidelines Collaborative Agreements

If you have collaborators for your project, a signed letter of confirmation from each collaborator is required.

In addition to information which the collaborator feels is relevant to the application, this letter should contain the following sentence:

*“I herewith confirm that I have read and agreed with the scientific protocol of this application. The application is feasible and includes novel aspects that will advance scientific knowledge in this field, and that the protocol of this project is in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Announcement for this Programme”.*

Upload all Collaborative Agreements in a single pdf file in the Additional Documents section of the application system (step 8).

## 9) Confirmation to Finalize Application

After submission of this application, you as the Principal Investigator of this application and your responsible financial officer will receive automated emails to the addresses provided in the application. These emails will contain a link to a page with statements that **you and your responsible financial officer must confirm in order to finalize the application** by clicking the “confirm” button on the bottom of the respective page.

These confirmations may be made up to 3 working days after the Programme deadline date. Please instruct your financial officer accordingly.

You as the **Principal Investigator** will be asked to confirm the following statements:

*“I hereby confirm that I am the Principal Investigator in this application and that the information submitted is accurate and complete (to the best of my knowledge,) and that I shall accept the EFSD Regulations as stated in the Programmes section of the EFSD website if this application is funded.*

*I further confirm that all staff grading and salaries quoted are correct and in accordance with the normal practice of this institution.*

*I agree to accept responsibility for the scientific and technical conduct of the research project.”*

Your **responsible financial officer** to whom funds should be sent and who will keep a full account of disbursements if this application is funded will be asked to confirm the following statement:

*“All funds will be transferred from EFSD accounts. EFSD is a non-profit entity registered at the County Court Düsseldorf, Germany. The industry collaborators are not involved in the review process or decision on the grant awardees and they will have no rights to the results obtained from any funded research project. Therefore funding through EFSD should not be subject to VAT.*

*I hereby confirm that I read and accept the conditions above.”*



## 10) Overview Length Restrictions

Please comply with the length restrictions as they will be strictly enforced. Files exceeding the maximum allowance will not be forwarded for review.

<b>Title of Proposal</b>	max 100 characters (including spaces)
<b>Abstract</b>	max 2,500 characters (including spaces)
<b>Biographical Sketch</b>	max 3 pages per investigator in Arial 12 point, single line spacing
<b>Research Plan</b>	max 4 pages in Arial 12 point, single line spacing including preliminary data (figures and tables), but excluding references

## 11) Overview Uploads

You can upload your documents in the Additional Documents section of the application system (step 8).

Please upload all documents in pdf format.

Remember to use clear headings on your documents as these will later be combined to a single document for the reviewers.

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## 12) Budget Table A

A: Personnel: (name if possible)	Role on project	% Effort on project	Institutional base salary/Year	Salary request *
<b>Subtotal Euro:</b>				
B: Supplies (description):		<b>Subtotal Euro</b> _____		
C: Other costs (please specify):		<b>Subtotal Euro</b> _____		
D: Consultant / contractual costs = subtotal direct costs from Contractual Costs section (Budget B)		<b>Subtotal Euro</b> _____		
E: Equipment (please describe):		<b>Subtotal Euro</b> _____		
SUBTOTAL DIRECT COSTS			<b>Euro</b> _____	
INDIRECT COSTS (maximum 10% of Direct Costs)			<b>Euro</b> _____	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST</b> (Direct + indirect costs including salaries)		<b>FIXED BUDGET</b>		<b>Euro 50,000/ Euro 30,000</b>

\* Gross salary including social charges, fringe benefits. The salary requested may not exceed (% effort) x (gross salary for the time period of the project).

For details on consultant/contractual costs, fill out budget table B contractual costs and enter the total amount into section D of this table.

### 13) Budget Table B: Contractual Costs

A: Personnel (name if possible)	Role on project	% Effort on project	Institutional base salary/Year	Salary request*
<b>Subtotal Euro:</b>				
B: Supplies (description):		<b>Subtotal Euro</b> _____		
C: Equipment (please describe)**		<b>Subtotal Euro**</b> _____		
D: Other costs (please specify)		<b>Subtotal Euro</b> _____		
<b>SUBTOTAL DIRECT COSTS***</b>			<b>TOTAL Euro***</b> _____	

\* Gross salary including social charges, fringe benefits. The salary requested may not exceed (% effort) x (gross salary for the time period of the project).

\*\* Also list equipment costs under E: Equipment in budget table A.

\*\*\* Enter subtotal direct costs under D: Consultant/contractual costs in budget table A