

ECPHM research grant

Aim & Scope

The European College of Porcine Health Management intends to support two research projects per year with a **maximum amount of EUR 15'000,- per project**. Only Residents officially subscribed to a standard or alternative residency program of the ECPHM and regularly having send their annual self-evaluation report(s) to the credential committee are eligible for application.

The research grant shall enable Residents to carry out a specific research project as outlined in their training program. Since this is a competitive funding scheme, successful applicants also must provide evidence for their capability of writing grant applications and acquiring external funding for research activities. The project has to start and finish within the period of the residency.

The ECPHM expects those Residents supported by a research grant to present their findings during one of the European Symposiums on Porcine Health Management and/or to publish the results in the Porcine Health Management journal.

Application & review procedure

Residents who want to apply for a research grant must follow the timeline and comply with the rules and requirements as described in this document.

Applications must be submitted electronically as **one single PDF** document to the Secretary of the ECPHM (secretary@ecphm.org) **not later than 28th of February (23:59 CET)** in the particular year. No applications will be accepted for the same year after this deadline.

Two experts, who are not members of the ECPHM, will be appointed by the board of the ECPHM and, independently from each other, review all applications. Scores for different aspects of the proposed research project will be given. The reviewers may also comment on particular aspects in a narrative way and they are allowed to ask for mandatory amendments in the research proposal.

The ECPHM board collects the recommendations from the reviewers and makes a final decision about funding (yes/no/conditionally) according to the scorings (top to the bottom) for each proposal. Residents will be informed about the outcome of their application by end of April. The ECPHM board announces the successful Residents including the title of their project during the following Annual General Meeting of the ECPHM.

Application

Character style and size: Arial 12 / Line distance: 1.5 / Page margin: 2.5 cm / Use the given headlines and do not exceed the page limits! No annexes are allowed!

- 1) Title, Author(s) and Abstract (first page, abstract max. 250 words)
- 2) Candidate's Letter of Intent (second page, max. 1 page)
- 3) Study Proposal (max. 5 pages)
 - a) Introduction and literature review
 - b) Specific hypothesis and objectives
 - c) Experimental methods and design
 - d) Expected results and significance
 - e) Detailed timeline (incl. abstract/manuscript submission)
- 4) Animal Experiment Authorization (if indicated)
- 5) Facilities and Equipment
- 6) References (max. 20 references)
- 7) Budget: Detailed budget in Euro for the costs to be covered by the ECPHM research grant and short description of the overall budget with indication of alternative/additional funding sources. Please notice that salaries cannot be covered by the ECPHM research grant and any overhead is limited to a maximum of 20% of the total funding!
- 8) Curriculum Vitae (max. 1 page)
- 9) Supporting letter from the supervisor, which confirms that a) the project fits into the training program, b) all necessary resources (incl. sufficient time) are available, and c) the money will only be spend for the purpose of the research project as described in the proposal.

Reporting & Payments

As soon as the supervisor of a successful applicant informs the ECPHM board in written format about the start of the project, the Treasurer of the ECPHM transfers 50% of the total amount of that particular grant to a bank account specified by the supervisor. Bank transfers will be made in Euro only and no bank charges/fees will be paid by the college.

At the end of the project, the supervisor informs the ECPHM board about the termination and the resident submits a brief report about the outcome (max. 1 page).

As soon as results have been presented during an ESPHM or a manuscript has been submitted to the Porcine Health Management journal, and a final budget in Euro including evidence for costs paid from the grant (e.g. receipts, invoices, etc.) has been send to the ECPHM board, the Treasurer of the ECPHM will transfer the remaining amount of that particular grant to a bank account specified by the supervisor. Bank transfers will be made in Euro only and no bank charges/fees will be paid by the college.