



Research Awards

Dear VdGM members,

This year we are happy to announce the possibility to apply for 2 Research Awards:

- The traditional **“Junior Researcher Award”** aims at rewarding advanced projects of new and future Family Physicians. It consists in describing in detail your research project and presenting it during a VdGM workshop at the 2017 WONCA Europe Conference.
- The **“Promising Research Award”** aims at rewarding beginner projects of new and future Family Physicians. It consists in describing shortly your idea and presenting it in 1 to 5 minutes during a VdGM workshop at the 2017 WONCA Europe conference.

Good luck!

Rosy TSOPRA, Research Liaison for VdGM



Vasco da Gama Movement

Junior Researcher Award





VdGM Junior Researcher Award

GOAL

The Vasco da Gama Movement wants to encourage New and Future General Practitioners/Family Physicians (GP/FM) to develop their research skills to improve health care in primary care.

For this reason, the Vasco da Gama Movement proposes an **annual Junior Researcher Award** rewarding GP/FM trainees or junior GP/FM with up to 5 years working experience after graduation.

TARGET

The researcher should be either a GP/FM trainee or a Junior GP/FM (up to 5 years after graduation from vocational training).

Advanced research projects.

MEMBERS OF THE JURY

The members of the Jury are chosen by the Research Liaison of VdGM, with the agreement of the VdGM Executive. They include at least:

1. Liaison person for the Research Theme group as representative of the VdGM Executive
2. Another member of the Research Theme group
3. A member of the European General Practice Research Network (EGPRN)
4. An external guest member appointed by VdGM (experienced senior researcher)

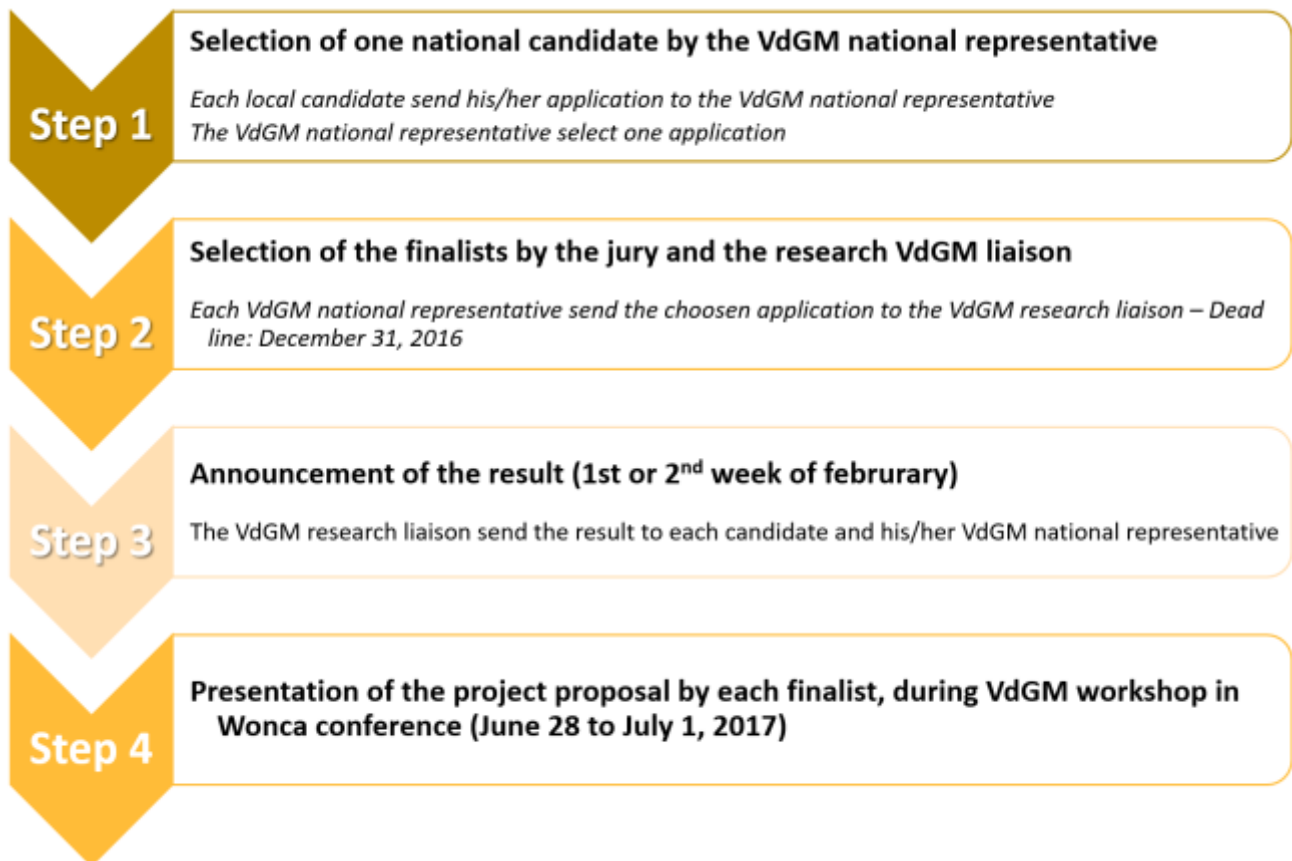


VdGM Junior Researcher Award

PROCESS

Every VdGM National Representative can propose one researcher for his/her country, using the attached selection grid (Annex 1). **Only one application per country and per candidate is accepted.**

The research project should have an impact on the field of primary care. The template for submission is in Annex 2.





VdGM Junior Researcher Award

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Application only through VdGM National Representatives (VdGM Council members)

Documents to send	
a copy of passport or identity card	- Save as: Passport_JRA 2016_country_name-applicant
a copy of student registration or document of graduation	- Save as: StudentCard_JRA 2016_country_name-applicant
a short letter of presentation from the candidate	- Max. 500 words - Specifying the status of the applicant (GP/FM trainee or a Junior GP/FM =<5 years) in the top of the letter - Save as: Presentation_JRA 2016_country_name-applicant
a copy of the project proposal as submitted by the candidate	- See template in Annex 1 - Save as: Project proposal JRA 2016_country_name-applicant

Each candidate should send the documents to his/her VdGM National Representative, listed [here](#).

The VdGM National Representative will select one application and send the related documents to the VdGM Research Liaison before the deadline of December 31, 2016.

Calendar

Deadline for the proposal of candidates to the VdGM National Representative	To be defined locally
Deadline for the proposal of the national candidate to the VdGM Research Liaison	December 31, 2016
Announcement of the finalists	February 15, 2016
Presentation of the project proposal during the VdGM research workshop in the 2017 WONCA Europe Conference	June 28 to July 1, 2017



VdGM Junior Researcher Award

Prize

For all the finalists	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- reimbursement of the registration fee for WONCA 2017 Prague (to a maximum value of €500 per person), only if the candidate presents his/her research work by his/her own during the VdGM research workshop in the 2017 WONCA Europe Conference
For the winner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1000€ prize, only if the winner presents his/her research work by his/her own during the VdGM research workshop in the 2017 WONCA Europe Conference.- The final winner will be pronounced during the closing ceremony.- The winner will allow VdGM to publish his/her curriculum, portrait photography and research abstract on the VdGM website as examples of Champions of Research in Family Medicine.



VdGM Junior Researcher Award

ANNEX 1: RATING GRID

Topic	Criterion	Score (points)
Research related	Research question is discussed on background of prior evidence	0-4 points
	Question is clearly stated	0-4 points
	Question is relevant for clinical GP/ FM practice	0-5 points
	Method proposed is appropriate	0-4 points
	Results or first results are clearly described	0-3 points
	Planned efforts of researcher to disseminate the results	0-2 points
	Originality of the research project (goal, methods, and so on)	0-2 points
	Feasibility of the research project	0-2 points
	Research subtotal	max of 26
	Researcher related	GP in training (1 point if yes)
European country below average gross domestic product at purchasing power parity per capita* (1 point if yes)		0 or 1 point
Respect of the number of words for the project proposal and the presentation letter (2 points if yes)		0 or 2 points
Researcher subtotal		max of 2
Total Score		max of 30

***European Countries with a lower than average GDP:**

European Countries with a GDP/capita (PPP) < 67% of EU27 average (2009): Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, FYROM, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine.

Reference: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/2-13122012-AP/EN/2-13122012-AP-EN.PDF



ANNEX 2: TEMPLATE FOR THE PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR THE JUNIOR RESEARCHER AWARD

a) Short summary (up to 250 words)

Please give a short summary of your proposed project. It should be understandable without reading the full proposal. Please state a clear research question that results from prior evidence. Give a short overview describing how you intend to answer the question with your project. Make some comments on the results you expect and how they may extend prior knowledge and impact on clinical practice.

b) Background: (up to 1.000 words)

This section should give an overview of existing evidence in the field your question derives from. It may be wise to extract and cite current review articles here. Make clear why your research is needed on the background of prior knowledge.

c) Main research question/hypothesis

Please state one primary question or hypothesis that consistently derives from the previous section. There may be additional research questions/hypothesis you may be free to add in this paragraph. But make sure that your projects keeps focused!

d) Planned methods: (up to 750 words)

This section should describe the planned/performed project as detailed as possible. Give details about the study design (e.g. observational, intervention, setting (e.g. practice or hospital), number and characteristics of participants (including a sample size calculation), instruments and measures (to be) used for the assessment of outcomes, (planned) statistical methods and a timeline for the project.

e) (Expected) results and potential impact on science and clinical practice: (up to 1000 words)

Which results do you expect and how will these results make a difference regarding scientific knowledge and clinical practice?

What were the results of your study?

f) Dissemination strategy: (up to 500 words)

Please state as detailed as possible how you plan to disseminate your results. This will include planned publications but you may have some additional ideas to make sure that your results will be recognized by others.



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g) Resources and infrastructure for research you could already rely on: (up to 500 words)

It is important to describe your personal and institutional support (if any) for planning, performing and publishing the proposed study. Be as realistic as possible regarding time efforts, supportive colleagues and access to data/participants.

h) Budget estimate (in EURO) (one table):

Please give an overview of the budget you estimate to be necessary to perform this study. The budget should include salaries, material and publication costs. Be aware of the fact that this award will NOT include a budget for your study. However, the Junior Researcher Award may help you to get funding from national or international funding bodies. Therefore, this section should be realistic and strictly derived from your working plan (section d).

i) References: (not more than 15 references)

Please cite references.



Vasco da Gama Movement

Promising Research Award





VdGM Promising Research Award

GOAL

The Vasco da Gama Movement wants to encourage New and Future General Practitioners/Family Physicians (GP/FM) to develop their research skills to improve health care in primary care.

For this reason, the Vasco da Gama Movement proposes a **Promising Research Award** rewarding GP/FM trainees or junior GP/FM with up to 5 years working experience after graduation.

TARGET

The researcher should be either a GP/FM trainee or a Junior GP/FM (up to 5 years after graduation from vocational training).

Beginner research projects – results of the project are not expected.

MEMBERS OF THE JURY

The members of the Jury are chosen by the research liaison of VdGM, with the agreement of the VdGM executive.

The jury selects the finalists who will present their project during a VdGM workshop during the next WONCA Europe Conference. The final winner will be chosen using the score attributed by the jury and a score attributed for the oral presentation in WONCA Europe Conference.

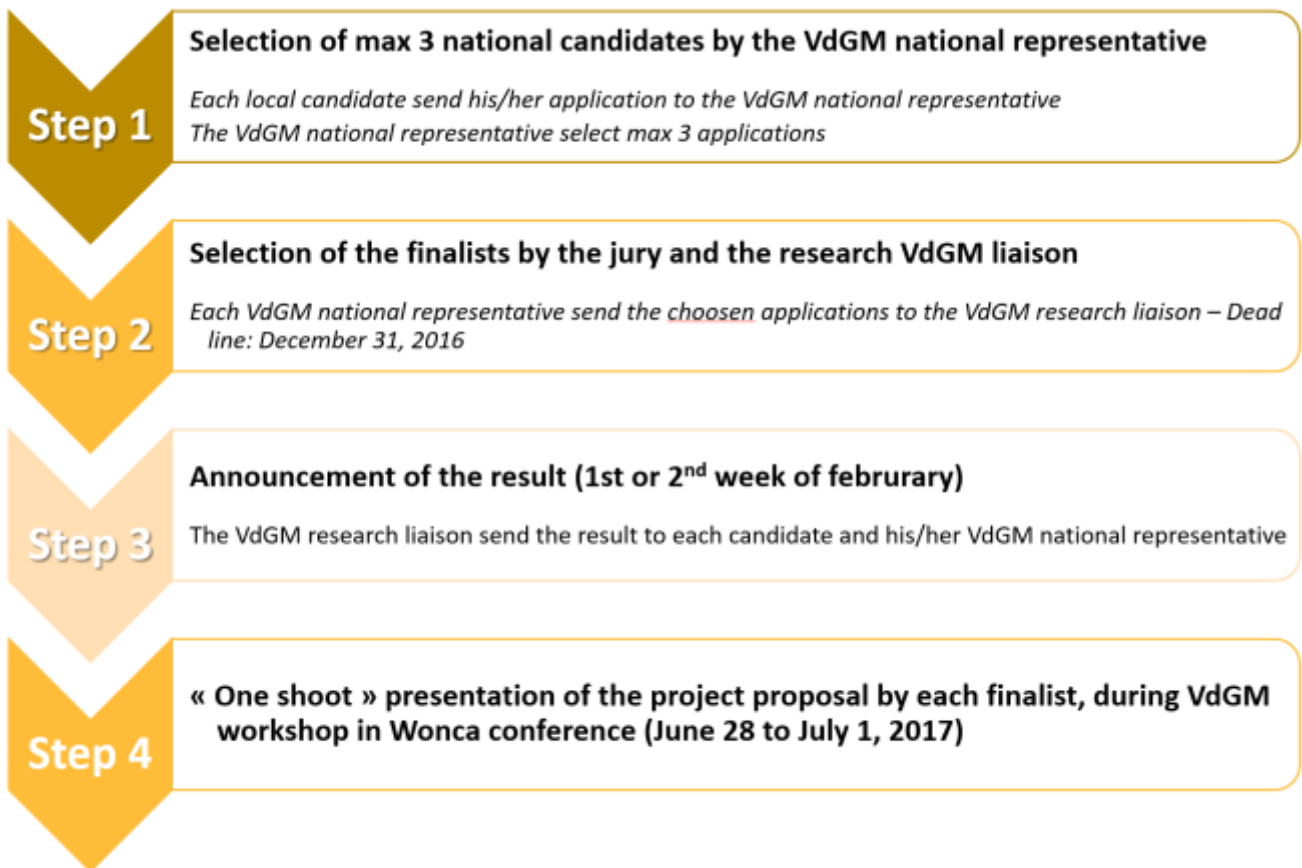


VdGM Promising Research Award

PROCESS

Every VdGM National Representative can propose up to **three researchers** for his/her country, using the attached grid (Annex 1). **Only one application per candidate is accepted.**

The research project should have an impact on the field of primary care. The template for submission is in Annex 2.





VdGM Promising Research Award

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Application only through VdGM National Representatives (VdGM Council members)

Documents to send	
a copy of passport or identity card	- Save as: Passport_PRA 2016_country_name-applicant
a copy of student registration or document of graduation	- Save as: StudentCard_PRA2016_country_name-applicant
a short letter of presentation from the candidate	- Max. 100 words - Specifying the status of the applicant (GP/FM trainee or a Junior GP/FM =<5 years) in the top of the letter - Save as: Presentation_PRA2016_country_name-applicant
a copy of the project proposal as submitted by the candidate	- See template in Annex 1 - Save as: Project proposal PRA2016_country_name-applicant

Each candidate should send the documents to his/her VdGM national representative

The VdGM National Representative will select up to three applications and send the related documents to the VdGM Research Liaison before December 31, 2016.

Calendar

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VdGM Promising Research Award

Prize

For the final winner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 500€, only if the candidate presents his/her research work by his/her own during the VdGM research workshop in the 2017 WONCA Europe Conference.- The final winner is automatically a finalist for the Junior Researcher Award of the following year.- The final winner will be pronounced during the closing ceremony.- The winner will allow VdGM to publish his/her curriculum, portrait photography and research abstract on the VdGM website as examples of Champions of Research in Family Medicine.
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VdGM Promising Research Award

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Research related	Question is relevant for clinical GP/ FM practice	0-4 points
	Question is clearly stated	0-3 points
	Method proposed is appropriate	0-3 points
	Originality of the research project (goal, methods, and so on)	0-2 points
	Feasibility of the research project	0-2 points
	Research subtotal	max of 14
Researcher related	Respect of the number of words for the project proposal and the presentation letter (2 points if yes)	0 or 1 points
	Researcher subtotal	max of 1
Total Score		max of 15



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ANNEX 2: TEMPLATE FOR THE PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR THE PROMISING RESEARCH AWARD

Short summary (up to 250 words)

Please give a short summary of your proposed project.

Please state a clear research question that results from prior evidence. Give a short overview describing how you intend to answer the question with your project (=method). Make some comments on the results you expect and how they may extend prior knowledge and impact on clinical practice.