



Junior Researcher Award



Vasco da Gama Movement

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### GOAL

The Vasco Da Gama Movement wants to encourage New and Future General Practitioners/Family Physicians (GP/FM) to develop their research skills in order 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.

### CONDITIONS

Every VdGM national representative can propose one researcher for his/her country, using the selection grid as proposed by VdGM (annex). Only one application per country and per candidate is accepted.

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

The research project should have an impact on the field of primary care. The template for submission is in Annex 1.

### 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:

- Liaison person for the Research Theme group as representative of the VdGM EG
- Another member of the Research Theme group
- A member of EGPRN
- An external guest member as appointed by VdGM (senior researcher with experience)



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### PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Application only through VdGM national representatives (Europe council members)

- ✓ Documents to be sent to the national representative before the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016
  - a copy of passport or identity card
  - a copy of student registration or document of graduation
  - a short letter of presentation from the candidate (max. 500 words):
    - Save as: Presentation\_JRA 2016\_country\_name-applicant
  - the national grid as filled out by the national representative or person responsible for national selection
  - a copy of the project proposal as submitted by the candidate
    - Save as: Project proposal JRA 2016\_country\_name-applicant
- ✓ Deadline for application to the national representatives is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016, deadline for the proposal of the national candidate is 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016
- ✓ Jury will define 3 final candidates before May 15<sup>th</sup> 2016
- ✓ 3 final candidates are expected to present their project proposal during a VdGM workshop in the main conference (junior champions in GP-research).
- ✓ Entrance fees for the three final candidates will be paid by VdGM only if the candidate presents his/her research work in Wonca Copenhagen.
- ✓ The final winner will receive 1000 euro (to perform the research proposal, or other research)
- ✓ The final winner will be pronounced during the closing ceremony.

The winner will allow VdGM to publish CV, portrait photography and research abstract on the VdGM website as examples of Champions of Research as general practice clinicians.



## ANNEX 1: TEMPLATE FOR THE PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR THE JUNIOR RESEARCHER AWARD 2016

### **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.

### **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



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### ANNEX – RATING GRID

Topic	Criterion	Score (points)
<b>Research related</b>	Question is clearly stated	1-5 points
	Question is relevant for clinical GP/ FM practice	1-5 points
	Method proposed is appropriate	1-5 points
	Research question is discussed on background of prior evidence	1-5 points
	Planned efforts of researcher to disseminate the results	1-5 points
	Originality of the research project (goal, methods, and so on)	1-3 points
	<b>Research subtotal</b>	<b>max of 28</b>
<b>Researcher related</b>	GP in training (1 point if yes)	0 or 1 point
	European country below average gross domestic product at purchasing power parity per capita* (1 point if yes)	0 or 1 point
	<b>Researcher subtotal</b>	<b>max of 2</b>
<b>Total Score</b>		<b>max of 30</b>

\* **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](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/2-13122012-AP/EN/2-13122012-AP-EN.PDF)