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VdGM JUNIOR RESEARCH AWARD

EDITION 2021



We are happy to announce that one winner for “Junior Researcher Award” will be selected during WONCA Europe Conference 2021 in Amsterdam.

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 presents an annual Junior Research Award with the aim of rewarding advanced projects of GP/FM trainees or junior GP/FM physicians with up to 6 years working experience after graduation.

Applicants are asked to describe in detail a research project and finalists will have to present it during a VdGM workshop during the WONCA Europe Conference 2021 in Amsterdam.

TARGET

The researcher must be either a GP/FM trainee or a Junior GP/FM up to 6 years after graduation from vocational training. The research project must be an advanced research project and must have an impact on the field of primary care.

THE JURY

Members of the EGPRN and VdGM Research Special Interest Group

PROCESS

Each candidate is asked to fill in the project proposal for the Junior Research Award (see Annex 2 below) and send required documents to her/his National Delegate ([the list of National Delegates](#)).

Every VdGM National Delegate can propose two researchers from his/her country (the rating grid can be found in Annex 1).

Only two applications per country and one application per candidate is accepted.

The applications must be sent to the Awards and Fundraising Officer who will forward them to the Jury. The Jury will choose three finalists. To get to the final the candidate must score at least 55% of points.

Each finalist will present her/his research project during the workshop at the WONCA Europe Conference in Amsterdam and the Jury will choose the winner.

The winner will be announced during WONCA Europe Conference Closing Ceremony.



PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Each candidate should send all the documents to her/his VdGM National Delegate ([the lists of National Delegates](#)).

VdGM National Representatives will select up to 2 applications and send the related documents to the VdGM Awards and Fundraising Officer (awards@vdgm.eu).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	
Copy of a document proving young doctor status (GP trainee or during the first 6 years after training)	Save as: Name_Country_Status_JRA2021
Short letter of presentation from the candidates	Max. 500 words Specifying the status of the applicant (trainee or junior GP/FM) in the top of the letter Save as: Name_Country_Presentation_JRA2021
Project proposal	See template in Annex 2 Save as: Name_Country_Project_JRA2021

CALENDAR	
Deadline for the proposal of candidates to the VdGM National Representative	To be defined locally
Deadline for the proposal of the candidates to the VdGM Awards and Fundraising Officer	2nd May
Sending the selected applications to the Jury	9th May
Collecting results from the Jury	23rd May
Announcement of the finalists	31st May
Presentation of the project proposal during the VdGM research workshop at the 2021 WONCA Europe Conference	6th-10th July
Winner's announcement	10th July

PRIZES

Three finalists will present their research projects during the workshop that will be held in July at the WONCA Europe Conference in Amsterdam.

For the two runner-up finalists

Reimbursement of the registration fee for WONCA 2021 Amsterdam (to a maximum value of €150 per person), only if the candidate presents her/his research project during the VdGM research workshop at the 2021 WONCA Europe Conference.

For the winner

€950 prize, only if the winner presents her/his research project during the VdGM research workshop at the 2021 WONCA Europe Conference.

The winner will allow VdGM to publish her/his curriculum, portrait photography and research abstract on the VdGM website as example of Champions of Research in Family Medicine.

Annex 1 – Rating Grid

Topic	Criterion	Score
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)	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
	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 4
Total Score		Max of 30

***European Countries with low and middle income than average GDP:**

European Countries with low or middle GDP/capita (June 2017): Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus,

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan. Reference:

[Country Classification](#)

Annex 2 – Template for the project proposal for the Junior Researcher Award

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 project keeps focused.

4. Planned methods: (up to 750 words)

This section should describe the planned/performed project in as much detail 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, statistical methods and a timeline for the project.

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

What 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?

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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 4).

9. References: (not more than 15 references)

Please cite references.