



**European  
Young  
Family  
Doctors'  
Movement**

## **THE JUNIOR RESEARCHER AWARD**

**Lisbon 2025**

### **GOAL**

The European Young Family Doctors' 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 EYFDM 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 be invited to present it during a EYFDM workshop at the WONCA World Conference in Lisbon.

### **APPLICANTS**

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. We accept both the finalised research project and these still in progress. Candidates who decide to apply with unaccomplished research projects should make double efforts to describe it reliably and in detail.

## THE PROCESS

1. Each candidate is asked to fill in the project proposal for the Junior Researcher Award (see: JRA project proposal) and send relevant documents to her/his National Delegate ([the list of National Delegates](#)). National Delegate chooses two researchers from his/her country using JRA Rating Grid (see: project proposal). Only two applications per country and one application per candidate is accepted.
2. National Delegates should send applications to the Awards and Fundraising Officer who will forward them to the Jury.
3. The Jury will choose three finalists. To get to the final the candidate must score at least 55% of points.
4. Each finalist will present her/his research project during the workshop at the WONCA World Conference in Lisbon and the Jury will choose the winner.
5. The winner will be announced after the workshop.

## DOCUMENTS

1. **Copy of a document proving young doctor status** (GP trainee or during the first 6 years after training) saved as Name\_Country\_Status\_JRA2025
2. **Short letter of presentation\*** (up to 500 words) from the candidate specifying the status of the applicant (trainee or junior GP) at the top of the letter, saved as Name\_Country\_Presentation\_JRA2025
3. **Project proposal** saved as Name\_Country\_Project\_JRA2025

Each candidate should send all the documents to her/his EYFDM National Delegate, the list of National Delegates can be found here: [www.eyfdm.eu](http://www.eyfdm.eu). If your National Delegate does not respond, contact the Awards & Fundraising Officer: [awards@eyfdm.eu](mailto:awards@eyfdm.eu)

Documents should be saved in PDF format.

National Delegates will select up to 2 applications and send the required documents to the Awards and Fundraising Officer ([awards@eyfdm.eu](mailto:awards@eyfdm.eu)).

\*In this letter candidates should describe themselves, their interests in the field of family medicine and the motivation that stays behind the proposed researched project

## CALENDAR

Deadline for sending the project proposal to the EYFDM National Delegate	<b>To be defined locally</b>
Deadline for the National Delegates to send the chosen applications to the Awards and Fundraising Officer	<b>26th of May</b>
Sending the selected applications to the Jury	<b>29th of May</b>
Collecting results from the Jury	<b>15th of June</b>
Announcement of the finalists	<b>By the 22nd of June</b>
Presentation of the project proposal during the EYFDM research workshop at the WONCA World Conference in Lisbon	<b>17th-21th of September</b>
Winner's announcement	<b>17th-21th of September</b>

## THE JURY

The jury will be chosen amongst the members of EGPRN, EYFDM Research Special Interest Group, EYFDM Council and EYFDM Executive.

## PRIZES

Three finalists will be invited to present their research projects during the workshop that will be held at the WONCA World Conference in Lisbon.

### For a winner

- 1.600€ prize
2. Becoming a member of the jury for Junior Researcher Award 2026

### For the two runner-up finalists

1. Reimbursement of the registration fee for WONCA World Conference in Lisbon (to a maximum value of 420€ per person).

## CONSENT

The finalists agree on receiving prizes on the condition that they will present the research projects during the EYFDM research workshop at the 2025 WONCA World Conference in Lisbon.

The finalists will allow EYFDM to publish their curriculum, portrait photography and research abstract on the EYFDM website as examples of Champions of Research in Family Medicine.

## QUESTIONS

If you have questions regarding any part of the process of the Junior Researcher Award write to EYFDM Awards and Fundraising officer:  
Marta Kurdzielewicz [awards@eyfdm.eu](mailto:awards@eyfdm.eu)

# PROCESS AND CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

## PLAY-OFF

Each candidate sends required documents to a National Delegate. The National Delegate chooses up to two applications.

**MAY**

**26th  
OF MAY**

National Delegate forwards the chosen applications to Awards & Fundraising officer who anonymises them and sends to the Jury.

## FINALISTS

The Jury selects three finalists.

**15th  
OF JUNE**

## RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Finalists present their research projects during EYFDM Research Workshop at the WONCA World Conference in Lisbon. Jury selects a winner.

**17th-21st  
OF SEP.**

## CLOSING CEREMONY

The winner of the Junior Researcher Award is announced after the workshop

**17th-21st  
OF SEP.**