

## **American-European Congress of Ophthalmic Surgery (AECOS)**

### **2015 European Research Award**

#### **Background**

The AECOS European Research Award was created by the AECOS European organization as a special interest project for promoting original research in the field of ophthalmology. The award is intended to stimulate and provide an opportunity for early research experience that will drive innovation.

#### **The Purpose**

The 2015 AECOS European Research Award provides a grant in the amount of € 20,000. This Award is proposed to recognize and support the efforts of young researchers who are committed to investigative work in critical areas, specifically supporting a wide range of clinical and/or basic research projects related to anterior segment therapy (conservative and/or surgical). The AECOS European Research Award was created to accelerate discovery by providing support during the execution of early research. The Award will enable rapid validation of concept while generating evidential research required for additional funding through subsequent financial partners.

The AECOS European Award Committee will review all applications and present their recommendations to the AECOS European Executive Committee for final decision. The successful candidate will be notified no later than 12 June 2015. The Award Ceremony will take place during the 2015 AECOS European Symposium in Berlin on 25-28 June where the award recipient will present a brief overview of the research project. The recipient will return to also present a brief update on research results and project status at the 2016 AECOS European Symposium.

Funds from the AECOS European Research Award:

- may be used toward equipment costs and/or materials required for the experiment,
- may be used to defray the cost of travel and/or accommodation required for travel to the research facility,
- does not provide for salaries or stipends.

The final award recipient will also have the opportunity to access AECOS European member supported research facilities, as available, at no charge.

This award is not intended for further AECOS funding or investment.

## **The Application**

The award application is open to researchers aged 45 years or younger who hold an MD, a PhD or an equivalent doctoral level degree. Applications including a proposal title should be structured and include the background, the specific aims of the proposed project, and the work program. It should also include a presentation highlighting the applicant's previous work. This short project description should be no more than 5 pages. The curriculum vitae and publication list of the applicant should also be included (see **Application**).

No one shall be eligible to receive the Award, or a portion of the Award, more than once. The eligible applications will be reviewed by the AECOS European Award Committee. This Committee shall select the nominee or nominees for final approval by the AECOS European Executive Committee.

When deemed necessary, AECOS reserves the right to ask candidates for additional information in order to evaluate their application. Candidates must ensure that no information submitted in their application is protected by intellectual property rights of third parties and must not contravene such rights of third parties. Candidates will endeavour not to include confidential information in the aforesaid application.

AECOS reserves the right to communicate information concerning the AECOS European Research Award by any means. The winner of this award must grant to AECOS the right to record and/or duplicate, broadcast and publish in any and all media worldwide the content, his/her name, image and voice as recorded in conjunction with the presentation of the award. This media release shall remain in effect for three years following the award ceremony.

**Award: € 20,000**

**Deadline: 29 May 2015**

Electronic submissions are encouraged and should be submitted to the AECOS Executive

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Paper submissions may also be submitted to:

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All applications must arrive by **29 May 2015**.

**APPLICATION  
2015  
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**Project Details**

**1. Scientific objectives**

Describe the research question(s) you will answer in this project in less than 150 words. Provide a concise statement of the scientific objectives including the anticipated outcomes.

**2. Background**

Supply background information that will assist the AECOS European Award Committee in focusing on the scientific context of your application. You should include the relationship of the investigation

- to present knowledge and to comparable investigations in progress elsewhere and
- to your own work.

**3. Proposed Method and Program**

Provide a concise outline of the experimental program for the project in no more than 1000 words. Specify the design of the investigation, the procedure to be followed, project milestones for the achievement of scientific objectives, and any other information that will assist AECOS in making a scientific evaluation of your proposal. Also provide details of the facilities, equipment, services, and consultations planned to use.

**4. Other investigators**

Give the names and affiliations of other investigators and collaborators who will be involved with this project.