

EORTC QLG's Early Career Investigator Meeting Grant

The EORTC Quality of Life Group (QLG) cordially invites you to apply for the **Autumn 2026** funding call for the EORTC QLG's Early Career Investigators' Meeting Grant.

We will offer up to 6 grants per QLG meeting for ECIs to attend (provided they are not funded through ongoing EORTC QLG grants and have not received the grant in the previous 12 months).

Terms of the funding:

- Up to 1000 Euro for attendees from European countries and up to 2000 Euro for attendees from non-European countries
- The budget will only cover travel (economy class) and accommodation (max of 165 Euro per night including taxes and breakfast).
 - If travelling with a guest (i.e., family member, partner) who is not part of the QLG, you must notify the treasurer in advance. We will ask the grant recipient for proof of what a single room would cost, and the EORTC QLG will only cover that much.
 - The total number of hotel nights must not exceed what is reasonable to attend the full meeting. If an extra night this must first be approved by the treasurer.
- Meals are provided throughout the meeting: lunch and dinners on Thursday and Friday. Additional claims for meals will not be accepted.
- The grant only covers the individual who was been awarded the grant. Costs cannot be claimed for any additional persons including for accommodation and meals.
- If circumstances change and you are no longer able to attend the QLG meeting, it is possible to transfer your meeting grant to the following meeting.
 - You must submit a written request to the Small Grant Review Committee latest three weeks prior to the meeting
- *Please note:* All payments will be reimbursed retrospectively upon receiving original receipts after the meeting.

The ECI is expected to:

- Actively contribute and participate in the QLG meeting
- Attend all PMDC and plenary sessions, at least 2 parallel sessions **and the ECI session (will receive an awardee's certificate)**
- Write a short paragraph (250 words) with a description of your experience (needs to be submitted within one month after the meeting).

You are an eligible candidate for the program if you are (required):

- An ECI = A Quality of Life (QoL) researcher who is undertaking or within 10 years of completing their latest degree/qualification (e.g., BSc, MSc, MD, PhD).
- A corresponding or active member of the EORTC QLG for at least 12 months prior to application
- Committed to be active in the QLG for a minimum of 2 years
- Not employed on a QLG grant that covers meeting costs
- Not a member of the EORTC QLG Executive Committee

Selection for the grant will be based on (desirable):

- The benefit you feel you will gain from attending the meeting and the amount you hope to contribute to the meeting
- Your future motivations to contribute to the QLG and QoL research
- The number of presentations you plan to give at the meeting
- The number of QLG projects you are collaborating in
- If scores are equal, applications from lower- and middle-income countries will be prioritised

Your application should include:

- a CV including a list of publications (2 A4 pages – Arial 11)
- a motivation letter (1 A4 page – Arial 11)
 - Objectives, expectations, interests
 - Your expected contribution to the QLG group in terms of current or future collaborations, projects, or presentations

Feasibility of the applications will be evaluated by the Small Grant Review Committee. Ranking will be based on the desirable criteria. For a list of current funded projects please visit <https://qol.eortc.org/qlg-funded-projects/>.

Please send your application as a single pdf no later than **July 10, 2026**, to chair.eortcqlg@soton.ac.uk.

We look forward to receiving your applications!