

## EORTC QLG's Early Career Investigator Visiting Grant

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We will offer up to 6 awards on an annual basis for ECIs to visit another institution linked to the EORTC QLG (the award can only be obtained twice). For example, successful use cases of this grant include:

- Using the award to learn and apply a specific technique or methodology that can be used in QLG research,
- to analyse secondary data from an EORTC or QLG project that is not covered by the original grant,
- to write and prepare future projects and project applications.

The grant includes:

- An opportunity to help ECIs undertake collaborative visits to other groups
- Budget to offset the cost of travel and accommodation (up to 4000 Euro for a period of two to eight weeks)
- No salary costs
- Responsibility for a distinct career objective, e. g. clinical research in an ongoing large scale EORTC QLG project
- *Please note:* All payments will be reimbursed retrospectively upon receiving original receipts. Please also note that the grant should not cover work that is already budgeted as part of an ongoing QLG grant (i.e., you should not use the grant to conduct work that is budgeted as part of a project).
- Meals and groceries are not covered by the funding and any expenses submitted will not be accepted.

The ECI is expected to:

- Actively contribute to scientific activities, discussions, and projects of the group they are visiting
- The visit must start within 6 months of the award date
- Write a report (750 words) with a description of achievements (needs to be submitted within one month after the visiting grant is over)
- Participate in protocol development and/or research activities

You are an eligible candidate for the program if you are:

- An ECI = A QoL researcher who is undertaking or within 10 years of completing their latest degree/qualification (e.g., BSc, MSc, MD, PhD).
- An active member of the EORTC QLG
- Committed to be active in the QLG for a minimum of 2 years
- Your host is an active member of the QLG

Your application should include:

- Your details and motivation ("ECI application" section in the application form) (2 A4 pages – Arial 11)
  - Rationale for the visit
  - How it will benefit your future career in QoL research
  - How it aligns with the strategy of the QLG
- A CV including a list of publications (2 A4 pages – Arial 11)
- From your host:
  - CV (1 A4 pages – Arial 11)
  - Letter of commitment ("Host commitment" section in the application form):
    - Objectives, expectations
    - General plan on how he/she will supervise

Feasibility of the applications will be evaluated by the Small Grant Review Committee Ranking will be based on excellence of the candidate, as well as importance and innovative quality of the work proposed to be done. Executive Committee members (who are ECIs) can apply to visiting grants.

Please send your application as a single pdf no later than **July 31, 2026** to [chair.eortcqlg@soton.ac.uk](mailto:chair.eortcqlg@soton.ac.uk).

Winner(s) will be announced during the next QLG meeting.

We look forward to receiving your applications!