
ECCO-AOCC Visiting Travel Grant Fact Sheet

In 2016, the Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC) and the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO) offer two exceptional, collaborative ECCO-AOCC Visiting Travel Grants. The aim is to offer an opportunity for European investigators to visit an Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) center in Asia or for Asian investigators to visit an IBD center in Europe (ECCO Member Countries), to learn about advanced endoscopy related to IBD or to be a clinical observer as an IBD specialist.

Two exceptional ECCO-AOCC Visiting Travel Grants may be given in 2016. In order to be eligible, some factors should be matched

Candidate

- Not be older than 40 years at the time of application.
- Provide a letter of permission from the Head of Department of the hosting center.
- ECCO-AOCC Visiting Travel Grant applicants and their hosts need to be ECCO or AOCC Members respectively (at the time of application).
- The scientific purpose for travelling to a country needs to be stated in detail. If a scientific project is attached to the application, it makes it more likely that this application is scored higher than others, but it is not essential.
- Travel Awards aim to enhance the opportunity for IBD trainees and specialists to visit either European IBD centers or Asian IBD centers. They are not designed to support travel to congresses or meetings.
- Members of ECCO or AOCC committees are excluded from applying.
- Send an application by email to the AOCC Office aocc_office@aocc-ibd.jp by **SEPTEMBER 30, 2016** (name, full contacts, ECCO or AOCC member ID, purpose and time of the visit, copy of permission form, CV).

Terms of submission

A total amount of 10,000 Euro will be awarded per ECCO-AOCC Visiting Travel Grant.

- The duration of the award is short term, 1-2 months. Please indicate the duration of the stay.

- Only one proposal may be submitted by the submission date per applicant.
- Payment will be made after acceptance of the Award.
- On completion and no later than 12 months after granting of the award, the applicant will submit a short report (150 words), signed by the awardee & the hosting institution, to the Scientific Committee of ECCO and the Grant Review Committee of AOCC for potential publication in ECCO News/Intestinal Research.
- Applications must include the following documents
 - CV of the ECCO-AOCC Visiting Travel Grant candidate
 - Approval of the hosting institution
 - Brief summary of your project

Review Process

- All projects will be reviewed and scored by the members of the ECCO Scientific Committee as well as the AOCC Review Committee based on the following criteria:
 - Relevance of topic
 - Personal development opportunity
 - Impact for the IBD community
 - Available expertise of the applicant and host site
- The ECCO Scientific Committee/ECCO Governing Board and the AOCC review committee/AOCC Governing Board will make a joint selection.

Criteria / Scoring System

The following procedure for the scoring system for Travel Awards has been agreed on:

- *Review by SciCom& AOCC:* Each ECCO-AOCC Visiting Travel Grant application will be reviewed by 2 members of Scientific Committee of ECCO& 2 members of AOCC Grant Review Committee. They will score their assigned applications according to the 4 evaluation criteria above and comment on each application.
- *Ranking:* Applications are ranked according to their overall average scores.
- *Final selection:* by ECCO and AOCC.
- *Acceptance/rejection letters:* candidates will be informed of their application outcomes by mail.