



Call for Proposals

“Bernhard Dräger Award for Advanced Treatment of Acute Respiratory Failure”

I. Goal

Dräger and ESICM announce a call for proposals for the “Bernhard Dräger Award for Advanced Treatment of Acute Respiratory Failure”, which is part of the ESICM Industry Research Awards programme aimed at promoting excellence in Research activities related to Intensive Care Medicine in Europe. The purpose of this award is to support the development of new or future faculty-level investigators in the area of intensive care and emergency medicine. The Industry Research Awards provide financial support to young intensivists or senior investigators, who are members of ESICM, in order to develop an independent research projects. These Awards provide investigators with peer recognition and great exposure.

II. Focus

In 2012, proposed research must focus on developing new knowledge related to advanced non-invasive respiratory monitoring and its application to the field of respiratory support. Proposals should be centred on the evaluation, use or development of concepts, technologies or devices likely to improve the guidance of respiratory support for critically ill patients in intensive care and emergency medicine. Proposed research must have intrinsic importance, but may also contain a component that permits the applicant to learn the methodology, theory, and conceptualisations necessary for development into an outstanding independent researcher.

III. Eligibility

- Only 2012 ESICM members are invited to submit an application. If you are not yet a member, please proceed with your membership application before submitting your project.
- Candidates must have a doctoral degree or its equivalent, such as, but not limited to MD, PhD, DDS, DMD, DO, DC, OD, DVM, or Pharm D. Applications from nurses and other health-allied professionals are also possible, but they should be supported by a research mentor that has one of the above mentioned degrees and is a member of ESICM.

- Eligible candidates should hold a position at their home institutions or should provide a letter from the supervisor that describes career plans after the Award.
- Candidates must preferably have an interest and/or experience in the area of Acute Respiratory Failure.
- Candidates must be European or Non-US or -Canadian citizens. Research projects must be conducted in Europe.
- For candidates that hold a doctoral degree or its equivalent, identification of a mentor with extensive research experience in this area may add strength to the application, but is not strictly required.

IV. Selection

- Selections will be made on the basis of scientific and expert evaluation of the application and the proposed work as set out by the candidates in the project description. Members of the Research Committee and reviewers of the highest international standing in their respective fields will carry out this task.
- The review process will involve appreciation of the significance and the originality of the research project, the proposed approach, the investigators' profile and the research environment in which the project will be conducted. A quantitative evaluation grid will be used to help members of the Selection Committees in the decision process.
- To guarantee a fair selection process and to avoid any potential conflicts of interest, applications involving a member (or the institution) of the Award Scientific Committee will be discussed in the absence of this member.
- Assessments are strictly confidential and cannot be divulged outside ESICM, or to the candidates themselves.
- No distinction will be made between candidates on the basis of gender, ethnic origin, religious or political beliefs.
- The decisions are final and appeals will not be considered.

V. Announcement of Winners

The Award will be presented during the ESICM Annual Congress. The Award winner will be notified in advance of the meeting and will be asked to be present.

VI. Award

The award will be EUR 15,000 over a year. Funds will be available as of November 2012 (academic year) and granted in one payment at the beginning of the Award period.

The deliverables include the submission of a research abstract to the Annual Congress of ESICM. In addition, the Award requires an end-of-project report in English summarising results and justifying how the award money was spent. This must be sent within 3 months of the end of the project to ESICM. The report will be forwarded to *Dräger* and published on the ESICM Website.

VII. Allowable Costs

Allowable costs include salary support, equipment and supplies. Costs for secretarial services and administrative services (indirect costs) are not allowed. All costs must be directly related to the proposed research. Travel associated with research training is permitted to a maximum of € 1500.

VIII. Legal Aspects

Neither ESICM nor *Dräger* will cover any tax issue that may arise either in the home or host country and any applicable taxes must come out of the initial Award. ESICM is a non-governmental international organisation whose awards are not automatically endowed with any particular tax privileges. It is the sole responsibility of the recipient of an award to pay any tax which may be levied upon him/her by the appropriate national authority.

In addition, awardees are not insured by ESICM or *Dräger* against medical expenses for themselves or their families; neither are they insured for accidents during their travel to and from the host institution. Neither ESICM nor *Dräger* recognise recipients of its awards as agents or employees of ESICM and accepts no liability in respect of any of their actions or activities or in respect to the health or safety of their persons. In their own interest, recipients of the fellowships are, therefore, urged to make sure that both their families and the institutions which receive them are fully covered by all necessary insurances.

Inclusion of women, minorities, and children in research involving human subjects. If applicable, these inclusions must be in accordance with current NIH/EC FP6/FP7 policy, and must be clearly described in the application.

Vertebrate animals. Appropriate institutional approval is needed.

Biohazards. Appropriate institutional approval is needed.
