

## ESCRS Pioneer Research Award 2021-2022

### Expression-of-Interest



#### PRA Research Call was announced Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The **2021/2022** ESCRS Pioneer Award is an initiative sponsored by the ESCRS to support and encourage independent clinical research in the field of cataract and refractive surgery.

The competition is open to **ophthalmologists (up to the age of 40)** with a current ESCRS membership and who have been a member for at least the last three consecutive years. Applicants must hold a full time clinical/research post at an EU-based clinical or academic centre.

#### The purpose of the Award is:

- to support, encourage and fund individuals interested to start clinical research activities in the field of cataract and refractive surgery;
- to introduce and develop a body of clinical research work, addressing a challenging “*problem*” in order to devise a practical “*solution*”;
- to facilitate and support an independent culture of study for the ultimate benefit of patients.

#### The Pioneer Award aims to fund any type of new initiatives, which may include:

- a systematic review or meta-analyses to prepare for a new clinical trial;
- a novel research idea for development of clinical trial studies;
- a non-interventional or observational study;
- a natural history / epidemiological study;
- a comprehensive series of retrospective case-control studies;

a patient or disease registry. The amount for funding that may be awarded to a successful applicant is between **€5,000** and **€50,000** (maximum), and for a project with a duration no longer than 2 years.

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### Guidance for completing the application form

Your submission in section 2 must **not exceed 550 words** and must include the following sections here (excluding the word count headings and/or excluding academic references):

1. Title [25 words]
2. Introduction [130 words]
3. Formal statement of research & statistical hypothesis [80 words]
4. Outline of research proposal [120 words]
5. Summary of clinical and economic impact of the research [85 words]
6. Summary of regulatory research \* [40 words]
7. Summary of required budget and duration of study [70 words]

\*The study should identify **which type** of human study to be used (non-interventional study, low intervention clinical trial, observational study, other), whether it uses a medicinal product, medical device or diagnostic device. If known, please provide the details, for example, Regulation (EU) No. 536/2014<sup>1</sup> or Regulation (EU) 2017/745 on Medical Devices (MDR)<sup>2</sup>, or other (give explanation).

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No. 536/2014- <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32014R0536>

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#### Terms & Conditions

**(a)** I hold a full-time or affiliated post based at any clinical or research institute (referenced by the \*WHO definition of region groupings at the website).

**(b)** I have demonstrable prior experience in the conduct of clinical research in the field of ophthalmology.

**(c)** I am familiar and experienced with the administrative, insurance and regulatory requirements for the conduct of EU-based clinical research studies.

**(d)** I understand that Expressions-of-Interest will be evaluated by the ESCRS Research Committee (including other independent peer reviewers) who will generate a short-list of applicants to be invited to make a full comprehensive research proposal. I understand that all decisions on Expressions-of-Interest and/or short-listed proposals made by the ESCRS shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into on any matters arising from the Pioneer Research Awards.

**(e)** I confirm that I am the **original author** of the application with a current ESCRS membership and who have been a member for at least the last three consecutive years, holding a full-time clinical/research post at an EU-based clinical or academic centre and my ESCRS membership number is included on my Expression-of-Interest submission.

**If any of the required information is omitted from the Expression-of-Interest, the entry will not be evaluated further.**

Any queries prior to submission of a Pioneer Research Award Expression-of-Interest application should be directed to [escrs@mci-group.com](mailto:escrs@mci-group.com)