

# ECP Immunomodulation Award in Solid Organ Transplantation – supported by THERAKOS

## Terms

The 2025 Research Award programme is intended to recognise and support the institution of those individuals who are making a difference in advancing the knowledge around Therakos ECP Immunomodulation in Solid Organ Transplantation, with one educational grant of EUR 50,000. The institution of the successful applicant will be awarded the grant, to be used in a specified timeframe of 12 months for a defined research project described within the application. This year's award programme supports research that investigates the overarching immunomodulatory role of Therakos ECP in Solid Organ Transplantation.

## Duration and amount awarded

- Duration: 12 months
- Amount awarded: **EUR 50,000** - The grant will be paid to the institution of the successful applicant.

## Conditions to apply

- Candidates must be ESOT members in good standing at the time of the application to validate the application submission; applications submitted by non ESOT members will not be considered. To purchase or renew the ESOT membership, [please visit this page](#).
- Applicants must hold a PhD and /or a MD degree.
- Applicants are required to provide a detailed outline of their research plans for the grant funding.
- Applicants are required to use Therakos ECP systems.
- No more than one application per applicant will be considered.
- No restriction on the applicant's age and nationality applies.
- Applicants should be at the beginning of their career with clinical research experience as an investigator or co-investigator.
- Previously ESOT funded applicants are also eligible for this programme.

## Application and review process

- Applications are submitted in English by email to [denise.desalvo@esot.org](mailto:denise.desalvo@esot.org) till **Monday, 28 April at 23:59 CEST**.

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### ESOT Headquarters

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- Applicants are required to submit the following information:
  - First name
  - Family name
  - Institution
  - City
  - Country
  - Email address
  - Title of the research project.
  
- Applicants are required to attach the following documents:
  - Research project (max. 3 pages)
  - CV (max. 2 pages).
  
- The competitive admission process includes:
  - Applications are reviewed by a selection committee composed of 2 members of the ESOT Executive Committee, and 2 external experts nominated by the ESOT Executive Committee.
  - Reviewers are requested to score each application in 3 domains based on the candidate's profile and on the research project that was submitted. The application with the best average score will be awarded.
  - The awardee will be invited to attend the ESOT Congress 2025 where he/she will be announced and celebrated. The presentation of the completed project will take place at the next ESOT Congress in 2027.
  
- In order to process applications, ESOT will need to process the applicant's personal data as provided in the application submission. The applicant gives his/her consent to such control and processing of the applicant's personal data.

## Assessment criteria

The primary criteria the selection committee will evaluate will be the following:

- the track record of the applicant (25%)
- the added value of the fellowship to the individual's career development (25%)
- the innovation and potential impact of the applicant's research on improved outcomes in transplantations (50%).

## Key dates to note

- Deadline to submit application – **28 April 2025**
- Notification of applications – **27 May 2025**

## Obligations of the applicant

- The successful applicant is requested to attend the ESOT Congress 2025 (29 June - 2 July, London, United Kingdom), during which he/she will be announced and awarded. The winner will have travel expenses and Congress registration fee covered.
- The successful applicant is requested to submit a photo and short project summary/testimonial to be posted on the ESOT website, social media and newsletter.
- The Research Award should begin at the time agreed with the sponsoring company but within 6 months of the notification of the award.
- The successful applicant shall be ESOT member in good standing for the full duration of the programme and is required to provide testimonial and feedback on the fellowship experience through the ESOT channels.
- After 6 months from the begin of the Research Award, the successful applicant shall submit a mid-term short report on the progress.
- Upon completion of the research project, the recipient will present the experience in the format/session deemed most appropriate during the next edition of the ESOT Congress.
- Any presentation or publication of the data should mention the support of the work by the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT) and Therakos.
- In the event that the successful applicant is unable to complete the research project or wishes to discontinue the research before its completion, he/she will be required to return all unspent funds within 90 days of notification.

## Contact

Should you have any queries regarding this award, please contact Ms. Denise De Salvo at [denise.desalvo@esot.org](mailto:denise.desalvo@esot.org).