

ESHRE GRANT

Terms and conditions of participation

By submitting an application for the ESHRE Research Grant, you are required to accept the terms and conditions of participation in their entirety:

1. **Grant Project Agreement (GPA)** - The GPA has been drawn up in order to create a general framework to regulate the Research Grants awarded by ESHRE. The GPA has a broad application area and tries to regulate, as much as possible, all possible situations that can arise during the Project. It is by no means intended to serve as a tailor-made agreement which covers the given relationship. The Coordinator, the Beneficiary, the Associated Investigators (if any) and the Participating Institutions (if any) are parties to the GPA. In order to receive the Research Grant, signing is mandatory for all parties, although acknowledgment of the GPA by the Coordinator and the Associated Investigators (if any) is acceptable in defined circumstances.
2. **No negotiations** - The general terms and conditions of the GPA are non-negotiable. It is the sole responsibility of the Coordinator to inform the Beneficiary hereof before submitting an application.
3. **Supplementary agreement** - A supplementary agreement should be drawn up by the Coordinator, the Beneficiary, the Associated Investigators (if any) and the Participating Institutions (if any) to ensure the minimum requirements for the Project implementation, such as the Beneficiary's commitment to grant the Coordinator the requisite basic support and the independence to manage the research funding for the duration of the Project, among other things. Further, the supplementary agreement must also take note of the ownership of the results derived from the Project. The supplementary agreement shall be added as an annex to the GPA and exclusively entails arrangements, made by the aforementioned parties. The supplementary agreement has no impact on ESHRE and can never legally bind ESHRE.
4. **Submitting an application** - The application procedure entails two rounds. The first round involves the submission of an expression of interest, including the scientific proposal and information on the Coordinator and the Associated Investigators (if any). The second round involves an extended scientific proposal, extended information on all investigators and a letter of support of the Beneficiary and the Participating Institutions (if any), which can only be submitted upon invitation of ESHRE. The application for a Research Grant must be completed by the Coordinator of the project who is (i) an ESHRE-member and (ii) a scientist or clinician working in the field of reproductive medicine and biology.
5. **Written acceptance by the Beneficiary & the Coordinator** - The Coordinator acknowledges and accepts explicitly that ESHRE shall solely take the extended scientific proposal in consideration for review upon the conditional written acceptance:
 - (I) By the Coordinator of both (i) the Terms and Conditions of Participation and (ii) the General Provisions of the GPA; and
 - (II) By the legal representative of the Beneficiary of the General Provisions of the GPA.

Explicit and written approvals are essential for ESHRE to commence the extended proposal review. It is the sole responsibility of the Coordinator to inform the Beneficiary hereof before submitting an application.

6. **Role of ESHRE** - The role of ESHRE is limited to awarding the Research Grant. ESHRE does not bear any responsibility whatsoever for the Project (such as but not limited to liabilities and protection of the results of the Project).
7. **Role of the Coordinator** - The Coordinator will operate as the spokesperson for the Project and will be the main contact person towards ESHRE in lead of contractual decisions and practical matters concerning the Research Grant. He or she bears no final liability whatsoever. The Coordinator must be a natural person and cannot under any circumstance be the same person as the Beneficiary.
8. **Role of the Beneficiary/ Participating Institution(s)** - The Beneficiary and/or the other Participating Institution(s) (if any) bear all responsibilities in terms of liability and financial back up within the framework of the Project and the Research Grant.
9. **Publication of the results** - The possibility to have priority to publish the results is of major importance for ESHRE and is one of the conditions for awarding the Research Grant. Manuscripts originating from ESHRE-funded research projects should be submitted for publication in one of the four ESHRE journals. Solely the Coordinator has the right to submit the manuscripts to other journals in case (i) a manuscript is rejected for publication in one of the ESHRE journals by the editor-in-chief and/or (ii) a manuscript is eligible for a higher ranked journal than the ranking of one of the ESHRE journals. Every publication should in any case highlight the financial support by ESHRE through a reference to the ESHRE Research Grant.
10. **Confidential information and results** - Confidential information must be respected at all times. An exception must be made however for the publication of results. All information that is categorized as 'results of the Project' shall therefore not be qualified as confidential information.
11. **Belgian Law** - The GPA is governed by Belgian law. All claims regarding the GPA shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the competent courts of the registered office of ESHRE in Belgium.

