

EASL EU Framework Programme Application Support Programme

There is a need for high quality applications to the European Union for funding to support research into liver disease. To this end, we are announcing a new grant scheme designed specifically to encourage applications under Framework Programme 7 (FP7).

EASL support is open to groups of individuals led by one or more EASL members who would like to apply for funding within one of the EC Framework Programs. EASL will provide the following support in three stages.

- An initial grant of up to **10.000€** will be awarded to allow the applicants to meet and discuss the content and outline of their proposal.
- If after the initial meetings the applicants decide to go ahead with a full application they will be able to apply to EASL for **an additional 10.000€** towards the costs of completing and submitting the final application to the European Community.
- Finally EASL will endorse the application before its final submission after reviewing the scientific plans and consortium structure.

All stages of the application will be reviewed by the EASL Scientific Committee. The applicants will be asked to provide feedback to EASL within 3 years of the initial award or 18 months of the final submission detailing whether the application to the EU was submitted and if so what the outcome was.

- EASL will select one application per year

Application process

- EASL member(s) who are scientific coordinators or members of the steering committee are eligible for applications to the EC to support research in liver disease. Only one application is allowed per consortium.
- There is no deadline for the initial application although applications for endorsement and application support should be made within 12 months of the initial award.
- The applications will be reviewed by the EASL Scientific Committee who will take expert advice as required.
- Successful applicants will be expected to report to EASL on the status of their EU application within 18 months after the final submission.

The initial application should include:

- A list of the proposed applicants
- A 2-3 page outline describing
 - the area of research and how this fits into the EU call
 - the expertise of the applicants
 - a statement of how the group will bring added value to the research area

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The subsequent application for funding to support the submission should include

- **Brief one page CVs of the proposed applicants**
- **A 5 page outline detailing**
 - the aims of the research project and its importance for human health or contribution to relevant areas of basic biomedical science
 - why the group is well qualified to do this research and the added value in bringing together the constituent members
 - the proposed management structure and ownership of the work
 - details of the general experimental approaches, study designs and techniques to be used

The application for EASL endorsement should be made 1 month before submission and should include

- the scientific component of the final application and an outline of the consortium structure

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| HOW TO APPLY |
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There is no specific application form but applications conforming to the guidelines above should be sent by **e-mail ONLY** to easloffice@easloffice.eu

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