

BJA-ESAIC Grant 2027 –Early Career

Eligibility criteria – The British Journal of Anaesthesia Charity (BJA Charity) & European Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care (ESAIC) Grant

This year (2027), there will be two grants allocated. Each one will be for 60.000 EUR. Both of these grants will be awarded to ‘Early Career’ Grantees.

1. Who can apply?

All applicants for a grant in the framework of the Grant Programme must be a qualified member of an institution in one of the countries that is represented in the ESAIC Council as defined in the By-laws of ESAIC.

1.1 Inclusion

All applicants should have received their highest degree (PhD, MD, DMD, DVM, or equivalent) **no more than five years** (basic scientist- clinician) before 1 January in the year the Grant is awarded (2027)

For clinicians holding more than one qualifying degree (e.g. MD PhD) or with a clinical specialist degree/board certification, the time since the first degree may not exceed ten years before 1 January in the year the Grant is awarded (2027).

Time periods spent on maternity/paternity leave, long-term illness or other exceptional circumstances will be taken into account, if adequate documentation can be provided upon request. **Criteria Research Projects Sustainability and DEI**

All research applications submitted to ESAIC **must clearly** demonstrate explicit alignment with the principles, objectives, and defined scope of the [ESAIC Glasgow Declaration on Sustainability](#). Please refer to at least one of the (1, 2, and 3) scopes.

Medication use	Energy use	Circularity in processes and waste
Medicine choice Reducing medicine wastage Low-flow anaesthesia Limiting the use of F-gases and nitrous oxide	HVAC optimisation Lighting Electrical equipment Sustainable energy generation Preventing energy loss	Circularity in processes Medical devices Medicine waste management Waste water management Reusable items Recycling

All research applications submitted to ESAIC **must clearly** demonstrate that their design, methodology, and implementation incorporate and reflect the scope and guiding principles of the [Mellin-Olsen Declaration on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#).

1.2 Exclusion

All projects unrelated to Anaesthesia, Intensive Care, Pain or Perioperative Medicine.

2. Use of the Grant

2.1 Institution

Grants are awarded to an academic institution or hospital, not to individuals or to departments.

Each Grant must be used only for purpose of the specific Grant.

The Head of Department has to confirm in writing that the relevant resources of the department are made available to the applicant (see "letter of recommendation"). This is optional if the Head of Department is the Principal Applicant.

In justified cases the Grant might be transferred to another institution, if the Principal Applicant changes his/her position to another institution. Transfer of the Grant requires approval by the Steering Committee.

2.2 Work performance location

The work has to be performed in one of the European countries that is represented in the ESAIC Council or from which the National Society is a Society Member. Collaborative studies among different countries may be supported however winning institution must be based in one of the European countries that is represented in the ESAIC Council or from which the National Society is a Society Member. In this case, it is highly advised to receive recommendation letters from all the institutions participating in the study.

3. Short Abstract Application – How to apply?

NOTE: It is not allowed to apply with the same proposal on the same year to several grants supported by ESAIC.

3.1 How to fill in the application form

Applicant must use the Online Short Abstract application form. All applications must be written in English. Please write as simply as possible and avoid language mistakes. If English is not your first language we recommend that you have your application reviewed by a native speaker before submission.

Abstract text should not exceed 3000 characters:

Title: limited to 200 characters

Objective(s): limited to 300 characters

Intervention(s): limited to 500 characters

Key inclusion and exclusion criteria or Methods: limited to 500 characters

Outcome: limited to 500 characters

Statistical Analysis: limited to 500 characters

Budget details: limited to 500 characters

3.2. Short Application deadline

Short Abstract forms must be submitted **no later than 4 Oct 2026, 23h59 CET** for BJA-ESAIC Grants. Late applications are not accepted.

4. Full Application – How to apply?

4.1. How to fill in the application form

Applicant must use the BJA-ESAIC Grants **Application Form** and follow the guidelines and format recommendations precisely. See Annex 6 for more details on how to fill in BJA-ESAIC Grants Full Application Form.

4.2. Application deadline

Application forms must be received **no later than 4JAN 2027, 23h59 CET** for BJA-ESAIC Grants. Late applications are not accepted.

4.3. Application form format

Use the Application Form and fill it in using:

- Size 11
- 1.5 line spacing minimum
- Max. 3 A4 pages for applicant expertise
- 12 pages maximum for the research plan including the graphs & figures, and excluding references.
- Max .3 Pages for the applicant's CV

When sending the complete Application Form:

- do not include colour pictures
- include all requested information in 2 document if possible
- avoid sending an application exceeding 1 Mb.

Applications which do not adhere to the format recommendations in the detailed guidance are not considered.

4.4. Ethics

The application should include a statement of approval of this proposal by the institutional committee reviewing human or animal investigations or a statement that approval has been requested.

The written statement of institutional committee approval is required before receiving the Grant funding.

4.5. Submission

Only electronic submissions received at research@esaic.org are accepted.

5. Review process

Each complete and eligible Grant application is evaluated and prioritised by the BJA-ESAIC steering Committee (SC).

i- Triage

Short Application Forms undergo a first triage by members of the Steering Committee, a maximum of 40 applications are selected, reaching a threshold score of at least 3/5, for in-depth evaluation.

ii- In-depth evaluation

The shortlisted applicants are requested to submit a full application which will be evaluated and ranked using a scoring system by two external reviewers selected by BJA Charity and ESAIC Representatives.

The final decision is reached after discussion between SC members. The names of the successful applicants are approved by the ESAIC Board and then posted on the ESAIC website and communicated in the ESAIC and BJA Charity channels.

Successful and unsuccessful applicants and winners are notified by e-mail. Decision of Steering Committee is full and final. Individual comments or feedback will not be provided to participants following the announcement of the results.

6. What is expected from the successful applicant ?

6.1. Bank details

Grant winners will be given precise details on how to claim their award at the time of result notification.

6.2. Picture

The Grant winners should send by e-mail a good quality (300dpi) picture to be used in the ESAIC and BJA Charity Newsletter and promotions.

6.3. Euroanaesthesia Congress

The Grantee will be informed in writing by the Steering Committee and encouraged to come to the Euroanaesthesia congress and award ceremony which is being held by ESAIC on an annual basis.

Both BJA Charity and ESAIC representatives will award the Grant at the ceremony.

For the presentation at Euroanaesthesia, Winners should provide a very short summary (2-3 sentences) and a characteristic graph or picture depicting your research project at a glance for the Chairperson to present to the audience.

6.4. Feedback report

The Grant winner must submit a **feedback report at the end of every year until the end of the study** (using the [Feedback Report Form](#)). Failure to send the requested reports will prevent you from applying successfully for ESAIC Grants in the future.

6.5. Publications

All abstracts, presentations and publications resulting from Grants must acknowledge the support of the Grant Programme of the European Society of the Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care and The British Journal of Anaesthesia Charity Grant winners should also inform ESAIC and provide references for each publication related to this project. The Grants winners will be requested to add their ESAIC Tracking ID (which will be provided) in the acknowledgement section of each publication.