

HOW TO FILL IN THE BJA-ESAIC GRANTS APPLICATION FORM 2027 – Early Career

1. Applicant's details

1.1. Title of Research Project/Analysis

Title must be a max of three lines. For the Coordination Grant, please include the Call for proposals you are applying for.

1.2. Area of Research/Analysis (indicate which one):

- a) Clinical
- b) Experimental
- c) Patient safety
- d) Other, please specify the area

1.3. Information about the Principal Applicant

First name, last name of the Principal Applicant with title, academic degrees, professional address, phone number, e-mail address and list the co-applicants.

1.4. Academic Institution or Hospital

Name, address of the Academic Institution or Hospital and name, phone number and e-mail of the Head of the Department.

1.5. Responsible financial officer

Name, address and phone number of the responsible financial officer (who signs for the receipt of funds and is responsible for the financial report).

1.6. Start and end date of project

Use the following format DD/MM/YYYY.

2. Research/Analysis summary

Give one-paragraph description of the project (max 10 lines).

3. Applicant expertise

(if applicable – max. 3 A4 pages)

3.1. Your expertise in clinical research

Please describe your own experience with clinical research/studies

3.2. Your co-investigators' expertise

Please describe the experience of your co-investigators.

4. Research Plan

(max. 12 pages, including pictures and excluding references)

4.1. Objectives

Describe the objectives of the study including primary and secondary aims.

4.2. Medical Problem/Background

4.1.2 Introduction

Set your proposal into perspective.

4.2.2 Research question(s)

4.2.3 The need for the Research.

What is the relevance of the Research?

4.3. Specific aims

State exact hypothesis to be tested

4.4. Methods and measurements

4.4.1 Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

4.4.2 Outcome measures

Justify the outcomes chosen: Are there sufficient studies that have used them?

Are there any guidelines proposing them?

Are they relevant for patients? Discuss the clinical relevance of the outcomes for the target population.

4.4.3 Methods against Bias

4.4.4 Search strategy (if applicable)

a) Describe data collection techniques.

b) Describe types of data to be obtained and statistical or power analysis if indicated.

c) Point out potential problems and limitations.

d) If appropriate, 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. Such statement of institutional committee approval is required before final approval of Grant.

4.5. Statistical Analysis (*if applicable*)

Describe the proposed strategy of statistical analysis in detail, including power analysis. Describe how to investigate heterogeneity/homogeneity.

Are there any planned subgroup or sensitivity analyses?

4.6 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. Please tick the relevant box. See item 7.3

4.7 Is your project incorporating sustainability

Applicants should be familiar with ESAIC's [Glasgow Declaration on Sustainability](#) in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care. The Declaration states the key areas where the greatest gains may be made in terms of environmental sustainability: medication use, energy use, and circularity in processes and waste. These are shown in more detail in the figure below (also available in the declaration)

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

4.8 Your project must incorporate DEI:

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), please describe (please refer to Mellin-Olsen Declaration on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – [ESAIC Mellin-Olsen declaration on diversity, equity and inclusion](#))

5. Budget details

Include all proposed expenditure. Indicate under each category the amount requested or provided from other sources.

5.1. Personnel

5.2. Equipment, supplies and travel

5.3. Other costs

5.4 Total cost of the project. If it exceeds the maximum amount of the grant, the other sources of funding must be clearly specified.

5.5. Total funds requested (no indirect costs). Cannot exceed the maximum amount for this Grant category

5.6. Budget Justification – CLEARLY and completely justify each item, including the role of each person involved in the project. If computer equipment is requested, explain why such resources are not already available from the sponsoring institution. NOTE: Failure to adequately justify any item may lead to reduction in an approved budget request even if the application is funded.

5.7. List of facilities, equipment, supplies, and services essential for this project and indicate their availability.

5.8. Current support for the proposed project– list all current or pending research support available to principal and/or senior investigator for the proposed project.

6. CV

Copy and paste under this section your Abbreviated and updated CV of the Principal Applicant (maximum of three A4 pages).

7. Annexes

7.1. Letter of recommendation (one page) dated and signed appropriately by the Head of the Department (for all types of grants).

7.2. Publications List.

Please attach a separate file with a list of **your** publications in English only (preferably downloaded from PubMed).

7.3 Ethics approval. Please provide a copy of your Ethics approval, if available (see item 4.6).

Submit the Application Form by e-mail to the ESAIC Research Department (research@esaic.org).

Applications which do not respect these guidelines or the format are not considered.

8. Conflict of interest

Indicate in this section if you have a conflict of interest with one of the reviewers..

9. Signature and date

Full application must be dated and appropriately signed.