



# EWMA Research Grants Supported by ConvaTec: Frequent Asked Questions

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## Funding:

### 1. Can one of the EWMA research grants cover the costs that are above €10,000 EUR?

No, EWMA research grant for senior or early career researchers covers only up to €10,000 EUR. Neither of the three research grants will exceed €10,000 EUR.

### 2. What can this research grant cover?

The research grant can cover the following expenses:

- Some salary expenses of the main applicant;
- Salaries for all levels of positions, such as: research assistants, postdoctoral fellows, PhD students, employees paid hourly wages such as transcribers, student assistants, consultants, and statisticians;
- Direct operating costs, including materials and services;
- Equipment and devices;
- Travel expenses, accommodation and registration at international scientific conferences directly relevant to the project;
- Dissemination of knowledge: scientific articles, publications, posters, etc.
- Non-scientific, administrative expenses **in relation to the project**, such as accounting, administration related to payment of salaries and purchasing, hiring.

### 3. What this research grant cannot cover?

You cannot cover any administrative expenses that are not directly related to this project.

## Application:

### 4. In which language can I submit my application?

The application must be in English. Applications in other languages will not be taken in consideration.

### 5. Who is eligible for the EWMA research grant?

The principal applicant must be working at educational institutions or health care institutions within Europe. However, the principal applicant can partner on a project with a co-applicant outside of Europe if it adds value to the project.

### 6. Should my project be related to one of the subjects mentioned in the application form?

Yes, it is a requirement that your project is directly related to the subject indicated in the application.

For senior researchers the grant subject is:

#### **Process redesign to improve quality and accessibility in wound care**

Wound care is increasingly seen as a significant burden to health care systems, with more patients to deal with, less funding to pay and with fewer skilled carers to look after them. Chronic diseases continue to drive





an increased need for effective wound care. The key challenge for providers is how can wound care service be optimised to the point where we achieve faster healing times, with fewer interventions and moving patients into more cost-efficient care settings. In your application, you can focus on different aspects that can improve the quality and accessibility in wound care.

There are two early career researcher grants available in the areas of:

- **E-health and digital solutions for wound management**  
eHealth and digital solutions are emerging as a new method for facilitating quality and safety within wound care. eHealth within the wound management field can help with assessment and diagnostics, clinical decision making and wound monitoring with the aim to improve clinical outcomes. eHealth is more than the adoption of smart devices or technology to aid clinical practice, it spans across many areas including: electronic patient information, clinical data recording/sharing, and telehealth services where remote monitoring or digital consultations can take place.
- **Solutions to enhance patient safety and compliance in wound management**  
Effective wound healing outcomes are dependent on patient compliance with the evidence-based treatment regimen set out by the Health Care Professionals. Improving patient compliance is not an easy task. However, the opportunity to involve patients in the decision-making process in their wound care pathway is a potential method to empower and share the care responsibility with the individual. Techniques and methods to provide further education to patients should be further explored in order to address this challenge.

For early career researchers, please choose one of the above subjects and state it clearly in your application.

**7. If I am already working on a project related to the subject of the application, can I apply for additional funding through EWMA research grants?**

No, each grant must be for a distinct project and cannot be accumulated across grants.

**8. Are there any restrictions related to the scope and the nature of the project?**

The scope and nature of the project is open to the applicant and could include but is not limited to support for: publication, research collaboration, research project etc. For more details about what exactly this grant can cover, see question 2.

**9. What does it mean that “Funding should be spent within one year of the award being granted”?**

The research grant will be provided at the opening ceremony of the EWMA Conference 2020, 13-15 May. From that date, the acquired funding should be spent within one year of the award.

**10. What is the role of the co-applicant(s)?**

Co-applicant(s) should contribute scientifically to the project, and this should be reflected in the application. All names and institutions for each co-applicant must be given. The principal applicant should inform the co-applicant about the project and that they have agreed to be mentioned in the application. Under “Qualification” of the co-applicant, you should describe co-applicant’s research and publications relevant to this project.





**11. Is it a requirement to have a co-applicant in my application?**

It is not a requirement to have a co-applicant, however if selected the co-applicant's role should be clearly outlined in the application. You can have more than one co-applicant if it is relevant and brings additional value to your project.

**Submission:**

**12. How can I submit my application?**

You can submit your application via email by sending it to Natalia Christiansen, [nc@ewma.org](mailto:nc@ewma.org).

**13. How can I make sure that my application was received?**

You will receive a confirmation receipt to the e-mail address used for sending the application.

**14. When is the deadline for the submission of the applications?**

The final deadline is **30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. Any applications submitted after the deadline will not be taken in consideration.

**15. If I have submitted my application before the deadline and I would like to modify something can I resubmit my application?**

You can make changes to a submitted application only before the submission deadline of **30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**.

**Selection process:**

**16. Who will assess the research grant applications?**

All applications will be assessed by EWMA's established expert committee and, occasionally, international peer experts. The committee will consist of experts with appropriate qualifications to review the quality, feasibility and novelty of the applications.

**17. Is it possible to contest the decision of the EWMA's established expert committee?**

No, the decision of the expert committee is final.

**18. When will I receive an answer on my application?**

All applicants will receive an answer to his or her application by email in the first quarter of 2020.

**19. If I am one of the grant receivers, when will I expect to receive the grant?**

Grant recipients will be recognized and awarded at the opening ceremony of the EWMA Conference 2020.

