EZS grants GUIDELINES

Overview

The European Zebrafish Society (EZS) grants, short term fellowships or travel grants, are designed to provide financial support for early career researchers for

- either to visit a conference or to attend training about fish research (travel grants).
- or a research visit to spend up to two months in a lab of their choice working on small laboratory fishes (short term fellowships).

The aim is to enhance and strengthen links for future collaboration and enhance the researcher’s career opportunities. The call is open to all researchers meeting the requirements listed below.

1. Who can participate?

- **Early Career Researcher**
  The term 'early career researcher' refers to researchers during their PhD time or at the beginning of their postdoc time. We would expect early career researchers to have been awarded their PhD not more than 2 years prior to applying for the grant, but allowances can be made for career breaks or other extenuating circumstances. The researchers can be of any nationality, but they must be able to secure a visa for the country which they plan to visit.

  **Only one application may be submitted per researcher.** Duplicate applications will not be eligible, even if they are to different countries.

- **(Associated) Members of the European Zebrafish Society**
  The applicant and the researcher’s group leader must be a member of the EZS society, the latter must have a research or academic post (permanent or fixed-term) or fellowship (excluding visiting or honorary fellowship) at a recognised publicly funded research establishment, or public or private Higher Education Institution. **The name of the EZS member must be stated in your application (see: grant application form).** New members: payment and membership form has to be completed by the date of the deadline of the announcement.

2. Purpose of the grant

The grants are designed to achieve as many of the following as possible and the benefit for the applicant should be well explained.

- Establish a new research link or significantly develop an existing link, with the potential for longer term sustainability.
• Learn techniques and acquire knowledge relevant for the progress of the on-going research of the applicant.
• Establish connections with other researchers for the benefit of the researcher’s career and research.
• Present their research at a conference.

3. Duration of the Grants

The travel grant can be used to attend training events, meetings or conferences regarding fish research.
The duration of the research visit can be a minimum of two weeks, and a maximum of two months.

4. Timing of the Grant

Research visits should take place within the current calendar year.

5. Funding

5.1 The final value of the award will be stipulated in the award letter. The EZS society will not increase the value of an award at a later stage.

5.2 The award is a contribution to cover costs relating to travel, accommodation, subsistence, visas, vaccinations, conference registration, training course registration and insurance. Applicants are encouraged to apply for other funding sources if the total costs will exceed 500 €. Other sources and amounts applied/applying for should be stated.

5.3 The award holder must comply with ALL of the following conditions. They must:

   a) Use the award only for costs stated in 5.2.
   b) Make all their own travel and accommodation arrangements, including visas and insurance.
   b) Accept full responsibility for all aspects of the visit and take out insurance for any risks associated with taking part in travelling abroad, including all unexpected and uncontrollable events. The EZS society will not be liable for the consequences of any such risks or any costs incurred.
   c) Reimbursement of your expenses:
      Submit the following, via the researchers institutional email to grants@ezsociety.org within 60 days of the meeting/training/research visit end date: a copy of the receipts, a summary of the costs, a claim for travel expenses by your home institution, and a short grant report (half a page including name, purpose of grant, benefits to the applicant and a photo (personal or related to your research) for publication on the EZS website,
   d) Agree to the publication of the picture of the grant candidate on the EZS website.

6. Application Process

Please email your complete application from your institutional email address to grants@ezsociety.org by the deadline. The application must be submitted as one pdf, containing the following sections in the order shown below:

   • Grant application form (signed by you)
   • Curriculum Vitae (maximum 2 pages)
   • Letter of Reference (maximum 1 page)
• Letter of Acceptance from host institute in case of research visit; or description of the conference or training event in case of travel grant (maximum 1 page)
• Research Project Proposal in case of research visit (maximum 1 page)
• Abstract in case of a conference (maximum 1 page)
• Benefit to the applicant (maximum half a page)

7. Evaluation

Jury: EZS board members /members that have no personal interest in the fellowship.