

EFIC GRÜNENTHAL GRANT



EFIC, the European Federation of Chapters of the International Association for the Study of Pain, is pleased to announce: **Research Grants For Clinical And Human Experimental Pain Research 2008**

EFIC-GRÜNENTHAL-GRANT FOR PAIN RESEARCH

- These annual grants totalling €100,000 from Grünenthal GmbH are aimed at supporting young scientists in carrying out innovative and exploratory clinical pain research projects in any country with an EFIC chapter (see www.EFIC.org).
- The decision on the awarding of grants is made entirely by the EFIC Research Committee.
- Research grants are intended for clinical and human experimental research projects on the subject of pain. Research proposals on animals, computer simulations etc. will not be considered.
- Research grants are valued at up to € 25,000 per project. The duration of projects should not be longer than two years.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants should be citizens of an EFIC chapter country with a position at a recognized hospital, university or other institution that provides the infrastructure and other support necessary for carrying out the proposed research. They should have obtained a PhD, M.D. or equivalent postgraduate degree and should not be born before January 1st, 1968.

QUALITY CRITERIA FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

1. Strength of the applicant

Including training, research publication record (relevance, quality of journals) and recommendations.

2. Novelty of the research question

Including societal and scientific importance. This may include plans to obtain data in support of a future application to a major granting institution. Hypothesis testing is preferred over empirical data collection. Exploratory research on particularly interesting ideas is encouraged, even if there is a risk of failure.

3. Quality of the research plan

The plan should lead to a clear answer to the question(s) posed, within the time and budget available. Projects that are overly ambitious have to be avoided.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Further information and online application material can be found at www.e-g-g.info.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

April 30th, 2008

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