



Steno Diabetes Center
Copenhagen

RAPID conference and PSAD Early Career Researcher Travel Fellowships 2022

The PsychoSocial Aspects of Diabetes (PSAD) Study Group aims to stimulate **all researchers and clinicians** from across the globe to conduct high quality scientific research in the field of psycho-social aspects of diabetes. In over 25 years since its inauguration the PSAD geographical focus has largely been Europe with a few members from the Americas and Australasia[1]. As the PSAD study group moves into its second quarter-century it has ambitions for increased global inclusivity.

PSAD, in collaboration with Steno Diabetes Centre Copenhagen, has been awarded funds by the Novo Nordisk Foundation to deliver the [Research Accelerating Psychosocial Innovations in Diabetes \(RAPID\) Conference from 29th Nov to 1st Dec](#). The RAPID Conference aims are to:

- Stimulate communication, generation of research ideas and collaboration in diabetes psychosocial research:
- Promote dissemination of effective psychological assessments, interventions and care pathways in diabetes care
- Expand the community of practice in this research area by supporting and learning from people with diabetes, early career researchers and providing grants for attendance at the conference to those from low- and middle-income countries to ensure representation
- Improve the relevance and quality of research in the psychosocial area
- Build up research capacity and impact of diabetes psychosocial research

The RAPID conference is inviting applications for **six Travel Fellowships**, of which **three are ringfenced for early career researchers from low- or middle-income countries (LMIC)**. Travel Fellowships will:

- Boost the careers of successful PSAD Fellows
- Increase interest in PSAD membership and participation for prospective applicants
- Increase visibility of psychosocial needs of people living with diabetes in the Fellow's local and national healthcare, education and research communities
- Encourage continued research focus in psychosocial aspects of diabetes

Each Travel Fellowship includes:

- Registration for the three-day conference being held in Copenhagen, Denmark
- Travel, accommodation, and subsistence to the three-day conference
- Costs associated with obtaining travel visas of up to €600 per fellowship
- One year membership to PSAD

Applications are invited from early career researchers who meet the following criteria:

1. Have completed their PhD in a relevant subject area within the past 5 years (pro-rata for part-time working)

2. For applicants from LMIC, demonstratable evidence of their research is being undertaken in a region defined as low or middle income by OECD <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/daclist.htm>
3. The research topic should be Psychosocial aspects of diabetes. Examples include intervention studies of diabetes self-management support or a psychological therapy; observational studies assessing psychological or psychosocial outcomes like depression, distress, disordered eating, stigma. The research can be quantitative or qualitative or mixed methods. For further information on the broad research activities of PSAD members see [https://findresearcher.sdu.dk:8443/ws/files/156560149/Back to the future.pdf](https://findresearcher.sdu.dk:8443/ws/files/156560149/Back_to_the_future.pdf).

Application and assessment procedure:

1. Submit an abstract to the scientific committee [Online Survey Software | Qualtrics Survey Solutions](#) by the 30th June 2022 deadline
2. Send 500 word supporting statement and a 2-page CV to PSAD Treasurer d.cooke@surrey.ac.uk by midnight (CET) 30th June 2022
3. All applications will be reviewed by a three-person panel of experts in the field
4. Successful candidates will be notified by week commencing 8th August
5. Travel Fellowship recipients will be invited to present their research at the RAPID meeting in person

Yours sincerely,
Executive Committee
PSAD Study Group

1. Snoek, F., *Looking back on 25 years of the PSAD study group*. Diabetic Medicine, 2020. **37**(3): p. 380-382. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/dme.14163>