



2024 PSAD Annual Scientific Meeting: Early Career Researcher Travel Fellowships

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 psychosocial aspects of diabetes ([Snoek, 2019](#)). In over 25 years since its inauguration, the PSAD's geographical focus has largely been Europe with a few members from the Americas and Australasia. As the PSAD study group moves into its second quarter-century, it has ambitions for increased global inclusivity.

The PSAD conference is inviting applications for **6 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:

- An award of €400 per fellowship for early career researcher members living and working in High Income Countries or €600 per fellowship for members living and working Low-Middle-Income-Countries
- Registration for the three-day conference being held in Würzburg, Germany
- One-year free membership to PSAD

Applications are invited from early career researcher PSAD members who meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant is working towards a doctoral degree (PhD) or has a PhD for no more than 5 years (accounting career disruption) for in a relevant subject area (see point 3)
2. For applicants from low- or middle-income countries, demonstratable evidence of their research is being undertaken in a region defined as low or middle income by the WHO/ OECD list <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/daclist.htm>
3. The research topic should be psychosocial aspects of diabetes; e.g. intervention studies of diabetes self-management support or psychological treatment; observational studies of psychosocial outcomes like depression, distress, disordered eating, stigma. The research can be quantitative or qualitative or mixed methods.

Application procedure:

1. Submit an abstract <https://de.research.net/r/psad-2024-abstracts> by the deadline **17th December 2023 midnight CET**
2. Submit a 500-word letter of application and a two-page CV **by 31st December 2023 midnight CET**
3. All applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts in the field with the support of the PSAD
4. Successful candidates will be notified by 31st January 2024
5. Travel Fellowship recipients will be invited to present their research at the PSAD meeting

Applications should be submitted electronically to the PSAD Honorary Secretary at info@psadgroup.org by **31st December 2023 midnight CET**.

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