



2027 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 four **Travel Fellowships** for early career researchers (two for people from low- or middle-income countries (LMIC) and two for people from mid-and high-income countries). 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 €500 per fellowship for each early career researcher recipient
- Registration for the three-day conference being held in Krakow, Poland
- 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 for 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-financestandards/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, and stigma. The research can be quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods.

Application procedure:

1. Submit an abstract at <https://forms.gle/ytB85vskiSrV4oe7A> by November 1st 2026, at midnight CET.
2. Submit a 500-word letter of application and a two-page CV by November 1st 2026, at 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 1st January 2027
5. Travel Fellowship recipients will be invited to present their research at the PSAD meeting

Meeting registration: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/31st-psad-scientific-meeting-tickets-1998344124069>

Yours sincerely,
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