



Exchange Program Award 2024



Program for the young researchers of the European Society for Artificial Organs

“If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange these apples then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas”

(G.B. Shaw)

Aim

In the frame of Artificial Organs, the yESAO Research Exchange program gives researchers the opportunity to experience training and research in different environments.

Who can apply?

The yESAO Research Exchange Award addresses the program to ESAO junior members interested in improving their scientific knowledge and cooperation to produce innovation together. yESAO members interested in doing research with another yESAO member of a different institute are encouraged to apply to the yESAO exchange program. Researchers that previously won this award cannot apply for a second time. Projects that were not selected in previous award editions can be re-submitted.

Where can young researcher go and for how long?

The two yESAO members may belong to any research institute interested in cooperating and in carrying on a common short project which has to be completed during the exchange program. The yESAO Exchange is a two steps program: one period in each institute of the two yESAO applicants. The duration of the exchange period should be at least two weeks (one for each institute). The exchange will be regulated by the host institute (safety, insurance etc.) and the guest researcher must comply with the rules.

How to apply?

A complete application consists of the following:

1. Cover page. One for each researcher involved in the exchange (see FORM A1);
2. Exchange proposal written by the two researchers involved (see FORM A2);
3. Curriculum Vitae of the two researchers;
4. Letter of support from the supervisors of the two hosting institutes;
5. ESAO junior membership application form (if not already a member).

Please, submit all the documents listed above by the **19th January 2024** to yesao@esao.org

If one of the requested documents is missing, the application will be excluded from the evaluation procedure.

Eligible Costs

The ESAO will fund **750 Euro** for each researcher.

Evaluation Procedure

The application will be evaluated by three reviewers (ESAO members) that are not working in the two institutes involved in the exchange program. Reviewers will be nominated by the yESAO executive committee.

Projects will be reviewed based on the following categories:

- Quality of content (e.g. description of central theme, structure)
- Novelty of the problem
- Quality of working plan
- Exchange of methods

The two exchange projects (4 researchers) with the highest score will be funded by ESAO.

After the exchange

The researchers enrolled in the program must prepare:

- A summary of the exchange experience and submit it to the ESAO society;
- An oral presentation on the experience at the ESAO meeting.
- The participants are encouraged to submit an abstract to the ESAO conference if relevant scientific results arise from the exchange program.

Timeline

Call opening:	15 th November 2023
Deadline:	19 th January 2024 (11.59 p.m. GMT+1)
Grading and selection:	31 st January 2024 (11.59 p.m. GMT+1)
Exchange start:	starting from 1 st February 2024
Exchange end:	10 th of September 2024



FORM A1

Personal Information	
First Name	
Last Name	
Phone	
Email address	
Host Institute Information	
Host institute	
Country	
Supervisor	
Phone	
Fax	
Email address	



FORM A2

- The research proposal must not exceed two pages (Arial 11, single line spacing).
- The proposal must include the title, the authors, and the affiliation. The name of the two researchers that will attend the exchange program must be underlined.
- The body of the proposal must be structured into the following sections:
 - Objectives
 - Materials & Methods
 - Expected Outcomes
 - References
- Tables and/or figures can be included.
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