

## **EFSD and Japan Diabetes Society (JDS)**

### **Reciprocal Travel Research Fellowship Programme 2026**

#### **Deadline for Applications: 1 July 2026**

The objective of the EFSD and JDS Reciprocal Travel Research Fellowship Programme is to encourage collaborative research in the field of diabetes. Applications for Fellowships may be accepted from any single, non-profit institution or group of affiliated institutions from Europe, associated countries and from Japan (for detailed country list, please see [here](#)). The Fellowship shall be used for a scientific project, enabling applicants from Japan to travel to Europe or its associated countries and applicants from Europe or its associated countries to travel to Japan. The host institution must be a recognised research institution, and applicants should have demonstrated their ability in the field of diabetes research.

Up to four Fellowships will be awarded, each in the sum of up to Euro 50,000 (fifty thousand) for the applicants from Europe. The budgeted amount must not exceed Euro 50,000 or 5 million Japanese Yen also for the applicants from Japan. The money awarded will be paid into the account of the recipients' home institution. The scientific project will be up to twelve months in length with some extra time allowed to complete a language course. An extension up to twelve months may be granted without additional funding. For this, an official written request must be submitted and approved by the EFSD/JDS office not later than two months before completion of the initial period.

The budget may include items such as salaries, travel, sustenance and consumables. The recipients must start the Fellowship within six months of notification.

Applications may be made by any scientist or clinician who is working in a postdoctoral position, with no age restriction. Each applicant will need to provide a letter of support from both the home and host institutions. (Examples for institutions willing to accept international researchers can be found [here](#)).

Applicants to all EFSD programmes are encouraged to become paid-up members of EASD. Details on how to become a member can be found on the EASD website [www.easd.org](http://www.easd.org) or contact [membership@easd.org](mailto:membership@easd.org) for further information.

All funded applications will receive initial funding instalment upon confirmation of the approval by the Review Committee. 90% of the funding will be provided at the start of the programme while the remaining 10% will be paid upon submission of a final scientific and financial report. All reports will be subject to assessment prior to the release of any further funds.

**Applications for this programme must be submitted in the EFSD programme portal which is available via the EFSD platform.**

<https://efsd.eu-1.smartsimple.eu/>

All applications must be prepared on the official application form in the EFSD programme portal and completed in strict accordance with the detailed instructions to be found there. Applications which do not comply with the instructions given in the application system will not be considered for review.

**Please submit your application on the EFSD programme portal before 12:00 midday (CEST) on the deadline date: 1 July 2026**

[Foundation@easd.org](mailto:Foundation@easd.org)

#### **Schedule**

Announcement: April 2026  
Application Deadline: 1 July 2026  
Anticipated Award: September 2026