



# THE JUNIOR RESEARCHER AWARD

LONDON 2022

## GOAL

The Vasco da Gama Movement wants to encourage New and Future General Practitioners/Family Physicians (GP/FM) to develop their research skills to improve health care in primary care.

For this reason, the VdGM presents an annual Junior Research Award with the aim of rewarding advanced projects of GP/FM trainees or junior GP/FM physicians with up to 6 years working experience after graduation.

Applicants are asked to describe in detail a research project and finalists will be invited to present it during a VdGM workshop at the WONCA Europe Conference in London.

## APPLICANTS

The researcher must be either a GP/FM trainee or a Junior GP/FM up to 6 years after graduation from vocational training. The research project must be an advanced research project and must have an impact on the field of primary care. We accept both the finalised research project and these still in progress. Candidates who decide to apply with unaccomplished research projects should make double efforts to describe it reliably and in detail.

## THE PROCESS

1. Each candidate is asked to fill in the project proposal for the Junior Researcher Award (see: JRA project proposal) and send relevant documents to her/his National Delegate ([the list of National Delegates](#)). National Delegate chooses two researchers from his/her country using JRA Rating Grid (see: project proposal). Only two applications per country and one application per candidate is accepted.
2. National Delegates should send applications to the Awards and Fundraising Officer who will forward them to the Jury.
3. The Jury will choose three finalists. To get to the final the candidate must score at least 55% of points.
4. Each finalist will present her/his research project during the workshop at the WONCA Europe Conference in London and the Jury will choose the winner.
5. The winner will be announced during WONCA Europe Conference Closing Ceremony.

## DOCUMENTS

1. **Copy of a document proving young doctor status** (GP trainee or during the first 6 years after training) saved as Name\_Country\_Status\_JRA2022
2. **Short letter of presentation** from the candidate specifying the status of the applicant (trainee or junior GP) at the top of the letter, saved as Name\_Country\_Presentation\_JRA2022
3. **Project proposal** saved as Name\_Country\_Project\_JRA2022

Each candidate should send all the documents to her/his VdGM National Delegate ([the list of National Delegates](#)).

Documents should be saved in PDF format.

National Delegates will select up to 2 applications and send the required documents to the Awards and Fundraising Officer (awards@vdgm.eu).

## CALENDAR

Deadline for sending the project proposal to the VdGM National Delegate	<b>To be defined locally</b>
Deadline for the National Delegates to send the chosen applications to the Awards and Fundraising Officer	<b>1st May</b>
Sending the selected applications to the Jury	<b>8th May</b>
Collecting results from the Jury	<b>22nd May</b>
Announcement of the finalists	<b>29th May</b>
Presentation of the project proposal during the VdGM research workshop at the WONCA Europe Conference in London	<b>28th-30th June</b>
Winner's announcement	<b>1st July</b>

## THE JURY

The jury will be chosen amongst the members of EGPRN, VdGM Research Special Interest Group, VdGM Council and VdGM Executive.

## PRIZES

Three finalists will be invited to present their research projects during the workshop that will be held at the WONCA Europe Conference in London.

### For a winner

1. €1100 prize
2. One-year pro-membership access to the medical learning platform Medmastery.
3. Reimbursement of registration fee and the possibility of presenting the awarded research project at the BJGP Research Conference held in London in 2023.

### For the two runner-up finalists

1. Reimbursement of the registration fee for WONCA 2022 London (to a maximum value of €450 per person).
2. One-year pro-membership access to the medical learning platform Medmastery.

### For the five highly commended entries

1. One-year pro-membership access to the medical learning platform Medmastery.

## CONSENT

The finalists agree on receiving prizes on the condition that they will present the research projects during the VdGM research workshop at the 2022 WONCA Europe Conference in London.

The finalists will allow VdGM to publish their curriculum, portrait photography and research abstract on the VdGM website as examples of Champions of Research in Family Medicine.

## QUESTIONS

If you have questions regarding any part of the process of the Junior Researcher Award write to Marta Kurdzialewicz (VdGM Awards and Fundraising officer): [awards@vdgm.eu](mailto:awards@vdgm.eu)

# PROCESS AND CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

## PLAY-OFF

Each candidate sends required documents to a National Delegate. The National Delegate chooses up to two applications.

**APRIL**

**1st  
OF MAY**

National Delegate forwards the chosen applications to Awards & Fundraising officer who anonymises them and sends to the Jury.

## FINALISTS

The Jury selects three finalists.

**29th  
OF MAY**

## RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Finalists present their research projects during VdGM Research Workshop at the WONCA Europe Conference in London. Jury selects a winner.

**28-30th  
OF JUNE**

## CLOSING CEREMONY

The winner of the Junior Researcher Award is announced during WONCA Europe Conference Closing Ceremony.

**1st  
OF JULY**