ESPID Springboard Award Guidelines

The following guidelines will assist you when completing your application form for the Springboard Award. Please read the eligibility and assessment criteria carefully, which can be found on the ESPID website under Awards, and make sure that you demonstrate clearly how you meet these criteria. We suggest you compose the text for your application in word processing software (e.g. MS Word) and then copy/paste into the boxes provided in the online form. Please note there is a maximum number of characters permitted in each text box (indicated on the form) – this includes spaces. For any enquiries please contact admin@espid.org

Abstract

Maximum 1200 characters

Provide a short summary explaining your career stage, research focus, ambition, strategy for using this award to achieve academic independence, and the support offered by your host institution.

SECTION 1. Explanation of readiness for academic independence

Maximum 5000 characters

Describe your research career trajectory, key research achievements, current area of research, skills and expertise, and why you believe you are poised for transition to independence

SECTION 2. Explanation of how you will use the Award to achieve scientific independence

Maximum 6000 characters

Describe how you will use the protected time afforded by this award to maximise your chances of success achieving competitive independent fellowships or tenured academic posts within two years of application. Describe the types of Fellowships/tenured posts opportunities you are aiming for and why you believe the award will increase your chances of success. Describe the scientific vision for the research you propose to undertake (make sure the link to your response in SECTION 1 is clear). Also describe any additional outputs and impacts that will be enabled by the award.

SECTION 3. Costs

Applicants should provide clear details in the costs table as to how ESPID funds are being used and also a summary of funds from elsewhere being used to fund the remainder of their salary and any non-salary costs relevant to the application (non-salary costs are allowed up to a maximum of €3000).

SECTION 4. CV of the applicant

Your CV will be used to assess evidence of academic and research excellence. Please ensure your CV consists of the following information:

• Family name, forenames and initials, titles (Dr. etc)

• Current position and dates, clarifying nature of work and/or training being undertaken.

• Corresponding and work addresses, telephone numbers, email address

• Date of birth

• Date (month, year) of medical qualification

• Date (month, year) and title of PhD or research MD

• Academic history: List all educational institutions/universities attended after secondary school - include dates of attendance, field of study, degrees and diplomas with dates awarded and grades if appropriate

• Clinical training and other occupational experience – give dates, details of post title, location and grade. If training less than full time, please specify details

• Please list and explain any gaps in training - for example, parental leave

• Details of relevant academic leadership and management courses

• Details of successful grant applications, including start and end dates, funder, value of grant, and role of the applicant (eg. principal investigator, co-application, collaborator)

• Details of all publications (citing full reference details), presentations at meetings (give name, location and date of meeting, title of presentation, names of authors and whether oral or poster), prizes and distinctions (full details, including both undergraduate and post graduate awards)

• Signature and date of submission