

Grants offered by EuroQol

The table below outlines the standard EuroQol grant types, followed by a detailed description of their aims and scope. The application and review procedure is similar for all grant types and described in the [Guide for Applicants](#). In addition to these standard grants, EuroQol may issue targeted calls requiring ad hoc submission forms as specified in the call documentation. For questions regarding this call, applicants may contact the EuroQol grants management team (grants@euroqol.org).

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1. Research Grants

1.1. Regular research project

A research grant is defined as a grant obtained for conducting a piece of research as described in a funding application. Research grants are the primary way the EuroQol Research Foundation funds research.

Scope

The Foundation funds high-quality research aligned with the scientific and strategic interests of the EuroQol Group. Accordingly, any proposal that supports the overall scientific strategy will be considered for funding. At least twice a year, the Executive Committee will issue a competitive Call for Proposals highlighting the current research priorities. These will be circulated by email and published on the EuroQol website.

Funding

Standard research projects can have a maximum budget of €200,000. Funding requests exceeding this limit require strong, detailed justifications demonstrating why the scope of the work must be completed within a single project. Research budgets are detailed in the [Budget Guidelines](#) and may include reimbursement of researcher time, at the daily rates stipulated by the Foundation, as well as necessary direct costs (e.g. use of subcontractors). Separate university or institutional overhead costs are not eligible for funding.

Eligibility

Specific eligibility will be detailed in each Request for Proposals. Generally, calls are aimed at researchers with established lines of research involving EuroQol instruments, many of whom are affiliated with the EuroQol Group. Although having a EuroQol member on the project team is not required, it is recommended.

1.2. Valuation studies

Valuation studies produce preference-based national value sets for a EuroQol instrument. Given the importance of these value sets to our users, EuroQol wishes to collaborate closely with interested researcher partners. This chapter describes our policy for establishing a valuation study.

Scope

Value sets can be developed only for instruments made available as approved EuroQol instruments. Published protocols for EuroQol instrument valuation can be obtained from the EuroQol Office or downloaded from the website. These studies are conducted in accordance with a protocol developed by EuroQol, such as the EQ-VT protocol or the DCE with duration protocol. The EQ-VT protocol involves conducting TTO interviews with a large sample of the general population using our standard proprietary software package, EQ-VT. The DCE with duration methodology will be publicly available in Q4 2026/Q1 2027. Funding approval is contingent on an assessment of the case for need and available budget for the research. Approved studies will receive in-kind support from the EuroQol Research Foundation for costs related to software development, training and support (See Budget guidelines).

Eligibility

All parties interested in conducting a valuation study for a EuroQol instrument are invited to contact the EuroQol Office first to review our valuation study policy (roudijk@euroqol.org / jumamyradov@euroqol.org). EuroQol membership is not required. Before inviting a formal research application, the Office requires information about your team, funding, and timeline. Additionally, we will discuss the status of Health Technology Assessment (HTA) in your country, local experience with valuation research, current utilisation of EuroQol instruments, and the need to develop a value set.

Funding

We will review your funding sources before inviting a valuation study proposal. We typically expect the country team to secure local funding for the majority of the project cost. Applicants should note these studies require significant resources. The current protocol for an EQ-5D-5L EQ-VT study requires a sample of at least 1000 respondents for face-to-face interviews facilitated by 10 trained interviewers. The EuroQol Research Foundation will support approved studies in kind, including EQ-VT management, translation costs, training, quality management, and support (around €25,000). However, you must secure funds for the project team members, participant incentives, fieldwork, etc. from local sources. Depending on local rates and commercial outsourcing, estimated budgets for the EQ-5D-5L range from €70,000 to over €300,000. EuroQol's Executive Committee may consider co-funding on a case-by-case basis.

Alternatively, resource-constrained teams may consider an EQ-5D-3L valuation study, which requires a smaller sample (~300) and allows a crosswalk approach to generate EQ-5D-5L values. Using the DCE with duration protocol is another option, which requires fewer resources but more technical expertise to conduct.

Application

Research teams may advance to proposal development once the EQ-VT Support Team (of the Valuation Working Group) approves their initial study design, funding plan, and timeline. During this stage, the EQ-VT Support Team collaborates with the country team to develop a research proposal for submission and review by the EuroQol Executive Committee. Use the valuation-specific submission

form. Please note that submitting the proposal does not guarantee approval; if the Executive Committee decides not to fund the study, the Foundation will not provide EQ-VT software or in-kind support.

1.3. Seed grants

Seed Grants support innovative research that serves as a catalyst for launching new projects or redirecting existing research.

The Research Seed Grant program aims to:

- encourage external research groups to collaborate with the EuroQol group on research projects where data from EuroQol instruments play a key role, such as routine clinical practice (see examples below).
- advance innovative research aligned with the strategic research priorities of the Research Foundation and/or one or more EuroQol Working groups (Descriptive Systems, EQ-HWB, Valuation, Younger Populations, Populations and Health Systems).

Scope

Through a seed grant, short-term, exploratory research projects can be supported. Seed funds are provided to stimulate innovative use of EQ-5D or data from EuroQol instruments. A seed grant allows researchers to explore new research initiatives that may be high-risk. Findings will determine the potential and feasibility of the research or inform the design and execution of a larger-scale study.

Examples include:

- Leveraging Routine Outcome Monitoring datasets to generate new insights
- Development and validation of risk-prediction models, diagnostic tools, or decision support models
- Investigating disparities in patient care and health outcomes
- Research or implementation science within strategic frameworks for value-based healthcare
- Analysing patient profiles in health care, patient platforms, and care pathways
- Methodological or applied research in the field of psychometrics, health economics, classification theory, mapping, instrument development, or data processing and presentation

Funding

The maximum allowable budget for a seed grant is €50.000 (in line with the [Budget Guidelines](#)), with a project duration of no more than 12 months. Higher budgets require exceptional justification.

Eligibility

Experienced researchers and early career researchers with a proven track record or strong professional promise are eligible to apply. Applicants must be non-members of the EuroQol Group seeking to establish new lines of research involving EQ-5D or related instruments. Current EuroQol members are ineligible to apply but may collaborate as an advisor or co-investigator. EuroQol member participation is not required.

Proposals must demonstrate how the research will develop new collaborations. Consequently, the application requires details on the planned work, applicant, and institution, alongside a clear vision for long-term collaboration and a plan for integrating the study's findings into future research.

2. Individual Grants

2.1. PhD grants

EuroQol invites proposals for PhD research that supports EuroQol Foundation's strategic goals. This grant supports a PhD candidate to conduct original research and produce and successfully defend a thesis that meets local university and EuroQol requirements (listed below). The proposal should focus

on broadening theoretical understanding or exploring a novel research area and enhancing research skills. The lead supervisor is responsible for selecting a suitable candidate with a demonstrated interest in the field. If a candidate is already identified, include their CV in the application. If not, the applicant must outline a clear recruitment strategy and timeline.

Scope

While the primary aim of this grant is *personal* capacity building, it also provides opportunities to investigate a particular EuroQol-related *topic* or *dataset* in depth. The project description is the core of the application; it must detail the planned PhD project and outline a robust research strategy based on a strong scientific rationale. The background should identify evidence gaps or methodological issues that lead directly to the stated aims of the PhD proposal. Furthermore, applicants must clearly describe the significance of the research questions (1) to the field, and (2) to the EuroQol community. Describe methodologies with sufficient detail to allow reviewers to evaluate the quality, feasibility, and risk of the proposed work. For existing data, provide source details to verify quality and suitability; for new data, outline the collection, analysis, and reporting plans. Crucially, proposals must address how the PhD candidate will interact with the relevant research communities, including identifying the specific EuroQol body or Working Group that will serve as their primary sounding board.

Funding

The EuroQol Group recognises variation in doctoral education across countries – including differences in qualifications, coursework, timelines, examination, and funding structures – and accepts that budgets and deliverables will vary accordingly. Consequently, applicants must outline how PhD research is structured at their host institution, including formal procedural and graduation requirements. The description should clarify the student's rights and responsibilities, detailing research training or institutional duties beyond the PhD research.

The standard funding range for PhD proposals is € 150,000 – €180,000; higher amounts may be requested with sufficient justification. A EuroQol grant may be combined with other sources of funding, and applicants may request a smaller budget to supplement an existing award or extend data collection for an ongoing PhD study. To support the request, applications must include a detailed budget plan that declares any currently secured funds from alternative sources and justifies the requested data collection budget. If decisions on other grant requests are pending, EuroQol grants may be awarded as a conditional grant and released as soon as the remaining budget has been secured.

Budgets will be disbursed in annual instalments, and local institutional policies will define how funds are distributed and to the student (e.g. as a stipend and fees or salary).

In addition to stipend/fees/salary for the student, applicants may request:

- **PhD Bench Fee:** An individual allowance of €5000 per PhD student to support their scientific career. The student may use these funds at their discretion for conference travel, course registration, or related academic activities, etc.
- **Material Costs:** a maximum budget of € 25,000 to cover material costs (e.g. for data collection or acquisition). This can be included in the initial proposal or requested later, while the project is active.
- **Supervisory Support:** Funding is available to support one or two supervisors. Total funding is capped at €7,500 for one supervisor and €10,000 for two supervisors.
- **Travel:** Any budget allocation of travel must be explicitly explained and justified within the proposal.

Note: Do not include EuroQol meeting attendance or open access fees in the budget. EuroQol

meetings are fully reimbursed, if applicable, and open access funding can be requested according to 3.2. You cannot request funding to cover indirect costs or overheads.

Eligibility

EuroQol members approved to lead or co-supervise a PhD candidate at an accredited institution are eligible to apply. Although research may be conducted across multiple institutions, the university where the student is enrolled will serve as the official project, host the lead supervisor, and manage the budget. Additional team members may serve as co-supervisors or advisors.

The lead supervisor must have formal approval to act as a primary supervisor at the enrolling institution. They must also demonstrate the institutional capacity and resources required to provide the support, opportunities, and resources needed to enable effective supervision and to ensure that the candidate meets all degree standards. The application must clarify the qualifications of all project team members by including their full academic CVs and intended roles.

Deliverables

While PhD deliverables are partly defined by the local institutional context, EuroQol-funded projects must meet specific minimum standards. The lead supervisor is responsible for satisfying all local institutional requirements alongside EuroQol requirements. At minimum, the EuroQol Foundation requires the student to submit two research articles to a peer-reviewed journal, with at least one accepted for publication during the PhD timeframe. Furthermore, the candidate is expected to present the research regularly at scientific conferences, including EuroQol events, and contribute to the scientific network if invited by leadership or Working Groups. Where applicable, projects should include creating user documentation/guidelines for EuroQol-related instruments, topics, or datasets. Generally, analytical tools/programs are shared with EuroQol members. If the student receives external co-funding, EuroQol requirements will be adjusted to reflect the magnitude of investment.

Proposals must include a detailed timeline, preferably using a Gantt chart, that integrates milestones from both the host institution and EuroQol. The project team needs to pay close attention to potential barriers to the timely availability of data (including ethical approval). EuroQol requires annual reports to monitor progress. These annual reports serve as an important communication tool for knowledge transfer and as the formal mechanism for requesting EuroQol approval for any necessary project amendments requiring EuroQol sign-off.

2.2. Postdoctoral grants

The policy for funding of postdoctoral grants is currently under review, and therefore not included in this document.

2.3. Travel Grants (TVGs)

Travel Grant applications must demonstrate a strong alignment with EuroQol's research priorities.

Scope

These Travel Grants support EuroQol members who wish to participate in face-to-face meetings or to conduct knowledge-based research activities, including but not limited to:

Short-term stay abroad:

The short-term travel grants support applicants travelling abroad for a short period. The period abroad can range from a couple of days to 2 months. Please note: To receive funding for meetings or collaboration efforts of smaller teams, a deliverable should be clearly defined, such as a research proposal. These grants may support a) creation or expansion of collaborative networks, b) work on new

projects/proposals, c) work on ongoing projects, and/or d) development in EuroQol-specific methods, as detailed below.

- a. Creating and developing scientific collaboration has been an integral feature of the evolution of the EuroQol Group and is an important component of the scientific meetings. Individual members may occasionally wish to extend their own collaborative network or create new ones, which may need to occur outside of scientific meetings. In such circumstances, the EuroQol Group would consider supporting time-limited exchange visits. It is expected that opportunities for knowledge-transfer and seminar/workshop presentations are included.
- b. Proposals focusing on new early-stage collaborative initiatives will be favourably considered. Where geographical proximity allows, a multisite itinerary can be considered. Budget requests will be evaluated based on value for money and the appropriateness of proposed costs.
- c. Where face-to-face interaction is necessary to make significant progress in designing new projects, funding will be considered. While research activities within an ongoing study are generally excluded, support may be granted if close collaboration will significantly advance new project design, data analysis or reporting. Support for this should be provided in writing from the relevant Working Group.
- d. For researchers wishing to develop expertise in specific methods central to the EuroQol Research Foundation's scientific agenda. Applications could be highly flexible and allow support over a longer period, allowing temporary relocation to partner institutions, for example for a semester. A EuroQol member or research group with demonstrable expertise could host such an arrangement for a planned programme of work. All applications require formal endorsement from the host organisation. Alternatively, researchers may pursue a secondment with the EuroQol Office Scientific team in Rotterdam. Applicants must demonstrate a compelling case for need and provide a clearly itemised budget.

Long-term stay abroad:

This long-term stay allows researchers to engage deeply with specific EuroQol projects by completing a residency (two months to a year) at a host institution abroad. The grant supports various types of residencies at a partner institute, e.g. work placements, internships, traineeships, and research specialisation visits. Applicants must have a host contact person at a partner institution within the EuroQol network. Any EuroQol member with demonstrated expertise in your planned line of work may serve as a host. Alternatively, researchers interested in the broader scope of the EuroQol Office activities may arrange a residency to embed directly with the EuroQol Office scientific team in Rotterdam.

Eligibility

EuroQol members and students connected to EuroQol's PhD Network can apply for travel grants that support a short-term or long-term stay abroad.

3. Dissemination and knowledge transfer

3.1. Education and Outreach Grant (EOs)

This grant type invites applicants to submit plans for any educational or outreach activity that supports the [mission of EuroQol Group](#). The EuroQol Group Association and EuroQol Research Foundation aim to improve decisions about health and health care throughout the world by developing, promoting and supporting the use of instruments with the widest possible applicability for the measurement and valuation of health.

The Foundation is active in two roles, i.e. as a distributor of instruments and as a grant-making organisation in the field of measurement and valuation of health. Educational activities that facilitate access to the EuroQol Group's accumulated research expertise and actively promote the transfer of knowledge and evidence on the use, analysis, and interpretation of measures developed by the EuroQol Group are essential to generating impact.

Scope

Funding may be requested for a range of activities. The primary deliverable of the funding application may either be an event or a product. Applicants proposing to organise an event or produce a product are asked via the submission form to describe the planned activity, its objectives, the target audience, the aims, and the expected outcomes.

Examples of eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Coordinated group symposium or panel discussion with funding for two or more researchers
- Teaching or delivery of courses
- Organisation of regional meetings to build capacity
- Ad hoc small-scale meetings or workshops that address time-sensitive needs aligned with EuroQol research and outreach priorities, for instance: workshops (f2f or online), roundtable meetings, ad boards, or webinars, etc.

Examples of product development supported by a EuroQol Education and Outreach grant:

- Development of teaching materials
- Development of analytical tools
- Books

Funding

No maximum amount has been defined for Education and Outreach Grants. The amount of funding is context specific.

Eligibility

Generally, calls are aimed at researchers with established lines of research involving EQ-5D or related instruments, many of whom are affiliated with the EuroQol Group. EuroQol membership status is not required.

3.2. Open Access Fee Reimbursement

The Foundation's Open Access policy covers publishing fees for manuscripts that either arise from EuroQol-funded research or are authored by members and align with the organization's mission.

EuroQol supports open access dissemination and normally reimburses publishing fees when costs are not already covered through institutional or publisher agreements. Authors are therefore encouraged to seek alternative funding sources before applying to EuroQol.

Submit requests for open access fees through the [grant submission portal](#). Requests are reviewed to confirm they fall within scope and that the journal meets recognised academic standards; EuroQol does not reimburse fees for publications in predatory or otherwise non-credible journals.

Approved reimbursements are strictly limited to eligible open access fees and require an official publisher invoice. Following acceptance of a manuscript for publication, an application for the approval of an Open Access fee reimbursement should be made to the Foundation. Once EuroQol approves the application, it will share the invoice and payment details with the applicant. The author

should indicate a third-party payment and provide the relevant invoice and payment details in the publisher's system. Please note that if you have already made the payment yourself, EuroQol can reimburse only the article processing charge, not any VAT costs incurred.

Eligibility

EuroQol members and authors of manuscripts of projects that were supported by the EuroQol Research Foundation can apply for funding.

3.3. Conference Presentation Grant

Members of the EuroQol Group and researchers undertaking EuroQol-funded projects are encouraged to disseminate relevant research outputs to the wider scientific community, including through presentation at scientific conferences and meetings of international standing.

Scope

Researchers may apply to EuroQol for individual support towards conference-related costs, where an abstract has been accepted for presentation. All applications are considered on a case-by-case basis and are subject to review against EuroQol's funding principles, available resources, and the strength of the justification provided.

In assessing applications, EuroQol will consider factors such as the meeting's relevance to EuroQol's mission, the applicant's role in the presentation, the extent to which the employer or other sources contribute to the costs, and whether EuroQol support is necessary to enable participation.

Funding

Allowable costs include conference/meeting registration, accommodation, preparation time and travel (economy-class airline or train ticket). Budget accommodation and meal costs in accordance with the [Dutch COA Guidelines](#) for reimbursement, based on the destination (please use the automatic English translation available in the internet browser). Preparation time is suggested at 3 hours for every 1 hour of presentation time, unless substantially justified.

A maximum of one conference participation will be allowed per funded EuroQol proposal. EuroQol may offer partial support for conference-related costs, either to supplement contributions from other sources or to manage available resources and ensure fair distribution of funding. EuroQol does not normally fund multiple conferences in close succession or cover the full costs of extensive travel. Priority will be given to applications where support would meaningfully reduce barriers to dissemination, particularly for early-career researchers and/or Low and Low-Middle-Income Countries.

Eligibility

Individual EuroQol members, students within EuroQol's PhD Network, and researchers conducting EuroQol-funded research can apply for funding to support conference presentations.

4. Implementation grants (IG)

Implementation Grants support projects that develop tools, resources, or structured programs that directly advance the work of the EuroQol Group. They differ from Research Grants, Individual Grants, and Knowledge Transfer Grants in that they focus on deliverables, coordinated activities, and implementation rather than generating new research findings. There are two subtypes of implementation grants, described below:

4.1. Tools and resources

This grant type funds the development of products that serve the EuroQol Group, such as software, statistical packages, translations, guidelines, or other standardised tools. Deliverables are tangible outputs that EuroQol members or broader research contexts can use. Emphasis is placed on usability, scalability, and alignment with EuroQol standards.

Scope

Applicants may request funding for activities that support the implementation, improvement, or broader use of EuroQol products. Such activities are not considered part of the research domain; instead, they focus on the development, adaptation, or dissemination of tools and resources. Applications should follow an implementation-oriented format, with clear emphasis on deliverables, coordination, and impact rather than purely research-focused outputs.

Funding

Applicants may request support for costs directly related to developing and delivering the proposed tool or resource. Eligible expenses may include personnel time, software development, translation costs, coordination activities, or other direct costs. Requested budgets should be proportionate to the scope of work and clearly justified in relation to the expected deliverables.

Eligibility

Applicants must demonstrate the expertise and capacity needed to complete the proposed work to EuroQol standards. Proposals should specify the roles and responsibilities of all contributors and describe how quality assurance will be ensured. Collaborative proposals are encouraged, particularly where complementary skills (e.g., methodological, technical, linguistic) are required.

4.2. Program Coordination Grants

The policy for funding program coordination grants is currently under review and therefore not included in this document.