



BUILDING COMMUNITIES

FEMS Research and Training Grant – Grant Regulations

The Research and Training grants offer excellent opportunities for early career scientists to pursue their research and training at a host European institution in a country other than their own country of residence. These grants foster new collaborations, skills and professional development in the fields that matter the most to our grantees.

Grant type	Research and Training
Description and goals	We foster mobility of Early Career Scientists by facilitating Research and Training visits of one to three month duration at a European host institution. The grant may exceptionally support research and training projects outside Europe at the Grants Board’s discretion.
Eligibility	To apply for this grant, you need to meet following requirements and be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a member of a FEMS Member Society; • an Early Career Scientist; and • an active microbiologist
Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Research or Training project will be done in another country/region than you own country of residence • This grant can not be received more than once • The grant covers your own travel (at economy rates) and living costs • Maximum total amount granted: EUR 4000.

Application deadlines	1 st January and 1 st July
Application process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application can be completed using the FEMS Grants Online System. • Following documents are required upon submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CV incl. list of publications ○ Certificate of highest academic degree OR Confirmation of PhD status ○ “Letter of reference”, i.e. endorsement of the FEMS Member Society ○ “Letter of acceptance”, i.e. endorsement by your hosting institution ○ Project proposal ○ Official passport photograph
Decision deadlines	1 st March and 1 st September
Decision Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quality of the proposed research or training project • The budget available.
Valid period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grant is valid for one year after official decision deadline • The starting date of the fellowship can be postponed by a maximum of six months under the condition that you inform the FEMS Grants Administrator latest one month prior to the planned starting date • If you intend to shorten or extend the fellowship period, please immediately inform the FEMS Grants Administrator. Please note that shortening the period may result in reducing the grant amount.
Grantee contribution	<p>Acknowledgement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please make sure you acknowledge the received support in any publications resulting from the project supported by the grant. You are also encouraged to publish this work in one of the FEMS journals. <p>Report form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would like to receive a completed Reporting form that you receive from the FEMS Grants Administrator, not later than six weeks after the project period. • Please complete it together with your host supervisor and upload it to the FEMS Grants Online System <p>Signed Claim form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to receive the granted amount as fast as possible, please provide us with your account details and other relevant information via the Claim Form you receive from the FEMS Grants Administrator. You are kindly asked to

	<p>complete and upload the hand signed form to the FEMS Grants Online System and attach scanned copies of travelling ticket(s) or the invoice related to them.</p> <p>Entry in FEMS' database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your contact details will be listed in the FEMS database. This will enable us to provide you with regular updates on FEMS' activities and keep in touch to learn about your future career development. <p>Insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please do not forget and make sure that you are properly insured for your travel stay abroad! It might be useful to contact the host institution to ask for their relevant personal insurance policies already in place. FEMS is not responsible for any injury or ill effect suffered in connections with your project, but should be informed about any project related accident. <p>Compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We kindly ask you to carefully adhere to these FEMS Grants regulations since non-compliance may result in the cancellation of the grant and in a refunding request.
Opportunities	<p>FEMS-ESCMID Research Fellowship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEMS, in collaboration with the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID), will select one Research and Training Grantee per year for a joint FEMS-ESCMID Research Fellowship. Upon approval by ESCMID, this grantee will be awarded an additional EUR 1000 and her/his award will be publicly announced.

“Being given a chance to become a vivid member of such a young, powerful and hospitable research group has taken my self-motivation and social skills to another level. Apart from being thankful to the D&D group for accepting me, I FEMS for awarding me with the Research Grant.”

– **Dr. Lenka Tisakova**, Research and Training grantee from Slovakia working at a host laboratory at the University of Warsaw, Poland