



The EB & WSF Research Grant Programme 2022-2023

The Edith Busch Foundation (EBF) was founded in 2013 to support the research on scleroderma aiming at unraveling its pathogenesis and improving therapy.

The World Scleroderma Foundation (WSF) was founded in 2013 to promote global research into all aspects of scleroderma and is committed to improving the quality of life of scleroderma sufferers and their families.

The EBF & WSF are pleased to announce a joint call for research to foster innovative and high-quality research either by new or established investigators in fields related to scleroderma. Therefore, the EBF & WSF are inviting applications focusing on innovative research projects on scleroderma with translational perspectives.

Applicants are invited to submit:

1.

Two page letter of interest (LOI) concerning the project structured as follows:

- State of the art
- Aims & objectives
- Methods
- Expected results
- Budget

2.

The CV of the PI

Deadline for the application: midnight, December the 1st, 2022.

The application must be sent to



Applications will be reviewed by an international selection committee in a 2-step procedure.



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The LOIs that will be admitted to the second step will submit by mail to the WSF office **info@worldsclerofound.org** the whole project for evaluation before midnight, **February the 1st, 2022**

Funding available: a total amount of 500,000 EU will be split for two winners of 250.000 EU for each project

The winners of the grants will be requested to use the funds within 3 years. The PI will must present the final or preliminary results at the opening ceremony of the World Congress on Systemic Sclerosis in 2024 in Prague.

Eligibility criteria:

- The PI-lead investigator must hold a position at an academic institution during the duration of the project: the applicant needs to demonstrate that the required infrastructure is available to carry out the proposed research.
- Applicants/ host institutions must be diligent in ensuring the signed terms and conditions are returned by the stated deadline. *It should be noted that this is a condition for funding.*