EACR-Mark Foundation-Pezcoller Foundation Rising Star Award

The EACR-Mark Foundation-Pezcoller Foundation Rising Star Award is open to EACR members with an unfunded Score ‘A’ cancer-related project from the 2025 [ERC Starting Grant](https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/starting-grant) calls.

The awardee will receive funding of up to €100,000 to begin their project. Institutional overheads of 10% will be added to this amount. The award is intended to bridge the period before re-submission to the ERC. The awardee will be invited to accept their award, and to give a talk, at the [EACR Congress](https://2026.eacr.org/) in Budapest, Hungary, 08-11 June 2026 for which they will receive a free registration plus accommodation and travel costs. The awardee will also be invited to give a lecture at the Pezcoller Foundation in Trento, Italy, at a date to be agreed, for which they will receive accommodation and travel costs.

Before filling in this Application Form, please carefully read the sections below. This will enable you to assess whether you are eligible to apply, and help you with submitting your application.

Eligibility

* Applicants must be current EACR members. If you want to apply for this award but are not yet an EACR member, you can sign up to become a member through the [EACR website](https://www.eacr.org/membership).
* Applicants must have an unfunded Score ‘A’ cancer-related project from the 2025 [ERC Starting Grant](https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/starting-grant) calls. (Score 'A': Fully meets the ERC excellence criterion and is recommended for funding if sufficient funds are available)

How to apply

**Documents to send:**

1. Completed Application Form
2. Concise curriculum vitae (CV) *[1 page maximum]*
3. A copy of your ‘B1’ ERC Starting Grant application
4. Confirmation of your unfunded Score *‘*A*’* cancer-related project. Please include the first page of your Evaluation Report, and the ERC letter confirming that you have not been awarded funding.

Please email your completed application form and accompanying documents **as a single PDF** to laura.kendrick@eacr.org. Applicants can expect to hear the result of the evaluation by 21 November 2025.

Application contact: Laura Kendrick laura.kendrick@eacr.org

Application deadline: 09 October 2025 at 23:59 CEST

Application Form

1. **Personal Details**

**Full name**:

**EACR membership number**:

**Email address**:

**Institute name and country:**

1. **Project Details**

**Total amount requested**: €

*The awardee will receive funding of up to €100,000. Institutional overheads of 10% will be added to this amount, making a maximum total of €110,000.*

**How many months do you intend the funding to cover (maximum of 24 months):**

**Describe your proposed project and include a budget setting out how the funds applied for will be used in this period.** *This should be approximately 2 pages [1000 words]:*

1. **Disclaimer**

By submitting an EACR-Mark Foundation-Pezcoller Foundation Rising Star Award application you confirm that the details included are true and accurate to the best of your knowledge. You also agree to be bound by the Terms & Conditions specified on the website here: [www.eacr.org/rising-star-award](https://www.eacr.org/rising-star-award)

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The Rising Star Award is supported by the EACR, The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research, and The Pezcoller Foundation. By submitting an application, you agree for your application and contact details to be shared with The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research and The Pezcoller Foundation.

1. **Signatures**

**Applicant signature:**

**Date:**

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