CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We are pleased to announce that the **2nd EuroQol Early Career Researcher (ECR) Meeting** will be held on Monday 14 March 2022 in Noordwijk, the Netherlands, as a one-day meeting of the 6th Academy meeting. The purpose of the ECR meeting is to provide structured opportunities for involvement, research and networking for **ECRs (defined as students currently enrolled in a graduate studies program or individuals who are within five years of completing their last graduate degree)** interested in EuroQol-related research. The ECR meeting will be an in-person event, there are no plans for remote participation.

Abstract submission
Research abstracts that align with the aims of the EQ Working Groups are welcomed, so are abstracts on EQ-5D-related research in innovative areas. We kindly invite you to submit an abstract through the **Abstract Submission Portal by Sunday 12 December 2021, 23.59 CET.** The ECR organization committee will review all abstracts and make the decisions of acceptance.

*Note this is the same submission portal for the 6th Academy meeting, on the second page of the submission system, you are able to select whether you want to submit your abstract to the ECR or ACA meeting. It is possible to submit to both ECR and ACA meetings, in which case the EOWG will decide whether the study should be present in either or both meetings.

Paper discussion sessions
The meeting will follow the EuroQol plenary meeting tradition in that authors with abstracts accepted for paper presentation will need to submit a draft paper in advance and an invited discussant will present and discuss the paper in the meeting. Participants will be given the opportunity of discussing their peers work, as well as having their work discussed.

Guided poster sessions
Individual poster presentations are provisionally scheduled for the afternoon of 14 March. PhD students who do yet not have any papers are welcome to submit abstracts describing their PhD project plan or research ideas for consideration as a poster.

Participation
The presenting author of accepted paper/poster/PhD project will be invited to the ECR meeting. All participants should meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Students currently enrolled in a graduate study program
- Individuals who are within five years of completing their last graduate degree

ECRs who do not submit abstracts but would like to attend the meeting should send a motivational letter to Zhihao Yang via email before Monday 3 January 2022. Depending on hotel availability, participation approval will be given to those with the strongest – not necessarily earliest – overall motivational letters. Invited EuroQol members may also participate if space permits.

Meeting registration fee and travel/accommodation expenses

All attendees will be invited to register for the meeting. There is no registration fee. Lead authors of accepted papers and/or posters will be expected to book and pay for their flights or other transport in advance. The EuroQol Research Foundation will reimburse economy class travel costs of up to EUR €250 for participants based in Europe, and up to EUR €1,000 for participants based outside of Europe. It is expected that all travel to the meeting is booked in an economical way. Accommodation in single occupancy rooms will be arranged at the hotel where the meeting is being held. The EuroQol Research Foundation will cover accommodation costs (including breakfast and city tax) for one night for participants based in Europe, and for two nights for participants based outside of Europe. ECRs who do not submit abstracts can apply for a travel scholarship and should be made clear in the motivation letter. The travel scholarship will be awarded on a competitive basis.

Meeting program

The meeting will begin with a keynote presentation by a senior EuroQol member. This will be followed by paper and poster discussion sessions. The meeting will conclude with a social event where ECRs can meeting invited senior EuroQol members. Further information on the final program and registration procedure will follow in January 2022.

Timelines	
Sun 12 Dec 2021, 23.59 CET	Deadline submitting abstracts
13 – 23 Dec 2021	Review and selection of abstracts
Mon 3 Jan 2022	Deadline for submitting motivational letters
Tue 4 Jan 2022	Inform authors on acceptance of their abstracts
Mon 17 Jan 2022	Invitation to register sent to participants
Fri 18 Feb 2022, 23.59 CET	Deadline for meeting registration