Research projects valued at €20,000-50,000 will be considered for funding. Part funding for studies that have already been funded from other bodies may be considered (proof of funding must be provided).

The applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Absolute
   a. ESPEN Membership of the main applicant OR the project supervisor
   b. Ethical approval/Animal licence (proof must be provided latest by May 2017)
   c. No more than one application per research group
   d. No more than two projects will be supported within one country
      Persons outside Europe may apply provide they fulfil criterion 1a
   e. Applications must be within budget
   f. No salary costs other than for the main applicant will be considered
   g. The main applicant must be a researcher (clinical or basic science)
      in training and should not have a faculty position
   h. The application must be on the prescribed form and within the word limit

2. Relative
   a. Quality of the science/project design
   b. Feasibility of the project (time lines should be provided)
   c. Quality of applicant
   d. Track record of institution and supervisor
   e. Authenticity of budget. Approval must be obtained from the finance department of the institution prior to submission.
   f. Value for money
3. Signatures must be obtained from an appropriate institution representative and from the project supervisor assuring the following:
   a. Justification of the costs
   b. Completion of the project
   c. Presentation at ESPEN Congress within 3 years of award