

Procedure to evaluate applications for EFLMLabX bursaries

Criteria for admission

Applicants should satisfy the following criteria:

- Be from a National Society Member of EFLM;
- Be an EFLM Academy Member in order with the annual fee.

Completeness of the required documentation for admission (application form, document proving the membership to the National Society and EFLM Academy membership) will be checked by the EFLM Office.

Evaluation process

The panel in charge of the evaluation of the bursaries applications is composed of at least three members D-EP or its Committees. All the members in charge of the evaluation are asked to evaluate ALL the applications, each evaluation will be summed up to obtain the final score for each application.

The evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

1. **Priority:** never selected in the past for EFLMLabX Experience (5 points)
2. **Age:**
 - a. <40 (3 p)
 - b. ≥40 (1 p)-in case, if we don't get any applicants from YS
3. **Country classification (*List 1 – VIC BLATON Scholarship Programme*)**
 - a. Country NOT in the List 1, (1p)
 - b. Country included in the List 1 (3p)
4. **Period:**
 - a. 1 week (1p)
 - b. 1 month (2p)
 - c. >1month (3p)
5. **Motivation letter (up to 300 words)**
 - a. Reason for participating (main objectives):
 - i. Visiting/exchanging experiences (1p)
 - ii. implementation of new analytic method in working place: (3p)
 - iii. implementation of a new field of diagnostics in the working place: (5p)
 - iv. common research /project (7p)
 - b. What benefit are you expecting for your local laboratory
6. **Reference/support letter from the head of the department/laboratory.**

List 1 - The EFLM Scholarship Programme in memory of Prof. Vic Blaton is addressed to the EFLM National Societies from the following countries selected according to UN and World bank classification criteria (in case there are two Members for the same selected country, the priority will go to the Full Member Society): Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Russian Federation, Serbia, Türkiye, Ukraine.

Further notes

Applicants already benefiting of an EFLM travel bursary in the same year are excluded from the evaluation even if the number of applications does not exceed the number of available bursaries.

If the number of countries exceed the number of allocated bursaries, applicants already benefiting of an EFLM Travel Bursary in the two years preceding the call will be excluded from evaluation.

Available bursaries can be allocated **max one per county** to the candidate with the best score among the applicants from the same country (if the number of applications exceed the number of allocated bursaries).

Important: contents of the application form which are not entered according to the instructions, will not be considered during the evaluation. The same applies if the related requested documentation is missing.

According to the EFLM Transparency Policy, all bursaries applicants' names, evaluation ranking and reasons for that ranking will be made available to every bursary applicant.