

## **ECO2026 Prize for Advocacy, Impact & Innovation Application and Assessment Criteria**

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- Be an eligible early career researcher, meeting the membership criteria for the EASO Early Career Network (ECN) – eligibility criteria and registration form [can be found here](#)
- Be a member of an [EASO-affiliated National Obesity Association](#)
- Have an ECO2026 research abstract that has been accepted for oral or poster presentation

### **Application Requirements**

Applicants must submit:

- The accepted ECO2026 research abstract
- A 50-word plain-language summary of their work
- A 200-word statement describing the advocacy, impact, and innovation potential of the research, including how the work could contribute to future policy, a new tool, product, digital solution, clinical pathway, service improvement, collaboration with industry, or another practical route for real-world uptake outside academia

The winner must be present at the ECO2026 closing ceremony to accept this Prize.

**Application deadline:** 5 May 2026

### **Assessment Criteria**

Applications will be assessed on:

- Relevance and strength of the proposed advocacy, impact, or innovation for obesity research, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or care
- Potential to lead to policy, a tool, product, digital solution, clinical pathway, service improvement, industry collaboration, or another practical use in obesity
- Clear link between the research findings and the proposed real-world use in obesity

The Prize winner will be selected based on overall alignment with these criteria.

### **Prize**

The ECO2026 Prize includes:

- Recognition during the ECO2026 Closing Ceremony
- A certificate of achievement
- Nomination for up to €4,000 in support from the EASO Development Fund for professional development, research-related activities, or attendance at ECO2027
- Feature across EASO communication channels