



3Rs STUDENT GRANTS 2024: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing (EPAA) supports students and young scientists with outstanding work in the field of alternative approaches for attending a high-profile scientific event.



Every year, a number of high-profile international meetings bring together world-class scientists working on the development and acceptance of 3R alternatives to animal testing (Replacement, Reduction or Refinement). Costs linked to participation may prevent students with promising work or young scientists at the beginning of their career from attending these events. The EPAA partners are therefore happy to sponsor the **3Rs Student grants** to facilitate the participation of students and young scientists in such events.

A jury will assess the applications and propose a list of selected candidates to the EPAA Steering Committee. The jury will be composed of 4 members (two from the Industry and two from the European Commission) who will judge.

In 2024, for the eligible events, a full grant of 1000€ and a half grant of 500€ for ESTIV 2024, EUSAAT 2024 and EUROTOX 2024 are available.

- All grants cover the reimbursement of the event registration fees for the student/young scientist as well as travel and accommodation fees, on the basis of the expense receipts. Payment will be made after the event.

Eligibility

Eligibility criteria for both students and events are defined as follows. Applications falling out of this scope will not be accepted.

Students

- 1) Applicants have to be based (i.e. studying) in one of the 27 EU Member States or the UK. Citizenship may be from any country (i.e. also outside of the EU).
- 2) Applicants must be graduated (BSc / First cycle completed with at least 180 ECTS credits) when applying and should not have a doctoral degree.
- 3) Applicants must still be considered as full-time students or young scientists (≤ 35 years old) when applying.
- 4) Young scientists employed by industry are not eligible
- 5) No funding or reimbursement by another entity for the same student and event is allowed.

Events

Selected high-profile scientific meetings are eligible for the EPAA 3Rs Student grants. For 2024, the following events are open for application:

EVENT	Deadline for the application
ESTIV 2024 in Prague, Czech Republic (3-6 June 2024)	15/04/2024
EUROTOX 2023 in Copenhagen, Denmark (8-11 September 2024)	17/06/2024
EUSAAT 2024 in Linz, Austria (18-20 September 2024)	17/06/2024

Application and selection process

The application process is as follows:

- 1) Applications must be sent to EPAA functional mailbox (grow-epaa@ec.europa.eu) by midnight of the day indicated above
- 2) The Award will be granted provided an abstract is accepted for an oral presentation. At the sole discretion of the Jury, in exceptional cases work presented in a poster format will be eligible, too. EPAA visibility must be guaranteed by including a clear acknowledgment of EPAA's support in the presentation/poster.

Selection will be made by the jury on the basis of the following documents to be provided by the applicant:

- Abstract submitted for one of the selected events
- Detailed CV of the applicant with list of publications (if any)
- Cover letter describing why the work described in the abstract is important for the 3Rs and why it should be supported by the EPAA grant
- Recommendation letter from a professor/supervisor also confirming the applicant is a full-time student
- Proof of acceptance to the event (i.e. invitation to the event or confirmation mail)

Enquiries should be directed to grow-epaa@ec.europa.eu

EPAA recognition

The winner of the grant accepts to give recognition to EPAA in their presentation/poster. The winner is required to provide a proof which clearly shows him or her giving recognition to EPAA (a photo or a video with oral statement).

The winner of the grant also accepts that the EPAA may publish the abstracts of the presentation / the poster on its website (after the event), in order to promote and disseminate the research. A short summary report of the event and how the student benefitted from the participation needs to be provided.

ABOUT EPAA

EPAA is a Public-Private Partnership across seven industry sectors and between European Commission and Industry stakeholders. Launched in 2005, it gathers 38 companies, 9 European trade federations and 5 Directorates-General of the European Commission.

Further information is available on:

https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/sectors/chemicals/european-partnership-alternative-approaches-animal-testing_en

EPAA Annual report 2023:

<https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-11/Annual%20report-2023-WEB.pdf>