



Selection criteria for the affiliation of the Collaborating Centres to the European Nursing Research Foundation

The mission of the European Nursing Research Foundation (ENRF) is to promote and encourage nursing research as a factor for professional excellence to benefit citizens' health in the EU and in Europe; use nursing research to influence EU policies (develop a strategy); and promote evidence-based decision-making.

In order to accomplish this mission, the ENRF prioritizes “*collaborating with national and international nursing research centres providing education and training opportunities to young researchers*”. (article 3f of the ENRF Constitution).

It is, therefore, important to establish links with various “collaborating centres” (including research and innovation institutes, Universities, Hospitals Research Units, etc.) across Europe, which will enable the ENRF to have a direct link to experts and academics in the field of nursing and to participate in the technical and scientific cooperation with other institutions.

“Collaborating Centre” (CC) of the ENRF is any institute or organization that carries out research activities relevant to nursing and collaborates in the research program of the ENRF.

The Criteria for the selection of the collaborating centres are the following:

- Be a university (or faculty/department), academic institute, foundation, association, or research centre
- Specialise in research relevant to nursing
- Have “research” amongst its main aims and objectives
- Have existed for at least 3 years
- Have a research programme in line with the priority areas of the ENRF.

Desirable Criteria for the selection:

- Have submitted proposals (or been part of a consortium) to EU Calls

Benefits of being “collaborating centre”

The collaboration gives benefits to both parties. It would give the ENRF access to the main EU institutions and institutional capacity to support its work. In the same way, the designated collaborating centres of the ENRF would acquire more visibility at a European level, and would increase their potential to respond to the main health issues in Europe.

The CC would also have opportunities to collaborate on research bids with colleagues across Europe

All involvement in research would be fully costed in consultation with the Collaborating Centre

Procedure for application:

- The NNAs members of EFN will propose candidates to be collaborating centres of the ENRF. In the case where a centre directly asks EFN or ENRF if it could be a collaborating centre, the Secretary General will get in contact with the NNA to have an opinion about the suitability of the collaborating centre with the ENRF. It is possible to have more than one collaborating centre per country;
- Once the application has been received, this will be notified by the ENRF Secretary General who will also provide a report about it to the ENRF Board of Directors. All the applications will be analysed according to the criteria described above. It will be the ENRF Board of Directors, prior consideration of the Secretary General recommendations, who finally decides on the Collaborating Centres applications.