

COST Action CA15209: "European Network on NMR Relaxometry"

ITC Conference Grant

PhD students and Early Career Investigators (ECI) affiliated with an institution located in an ITC (Inclusiveness Target Countries) participating in the Action can submit an application request for an **ITC Conference Grant**. The applicant must be engaged in an official research programme as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow.

Participating ITC countries in our Action are Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Serbia, Romania, Slovenia and Turkey.

The application must be submitted at least 45 days before the conference start date.

The applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official event/conference program. The main subject of the oral presentation / poster presentation / speech at the approved conference must be on the topic of the Action and must acknowledge COST. Attendance at European conferences is preferred. However, conferences held elsewhere can also be considered. The conference must end **before April 30th, 2019**.

The applicant encodes his/her application by logging into e-COST and clicking on the ITC Conference Grants tab. The collection date for this call is **November 19th, 2018**.

A Conference Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the selected Grantee. The calculation of the financial contribution for each Conference Grant must respect the following criteria:

Up to a maximum of **EUR 2 500** in total can be afforded to each successful applicant

Up to a maximum of **EUR 160** per day can be afforded for accommodation and meal expenses

Up to a maximum of **EUR 500** can be claimed for the conference fees to be incurred by the selected Grantee

In addition when meal and accommodation expenses are supported by the hosting institution as part of the provisions offered in their conference package, the amount for subsistence afforded to each eligible participant must be deducted from the Grant.

Criteria for the selection process:

Scientific scope of the proposed conference and presentation - how it can support the Action in achieving its scientific objectives, gender and nationality balance

Additional Information:

After the end of the conference, documentary evidence of the conference fee amount must be provided by the applicant. After the end of the conference, the grantee is required to submit a scientific report no later than 30 days after the end date of the conference, for approval. Failure to submit the scientific report within 30 days will effectively cancel the grant.

Application Procedure:

1. ITC Conference Grants applications can be made by clicking on the following link <http://eservices.cost.eu/conferencegrant> where you will be asked to create an e-COST account, or by logging into an already existing e-COST account and clicking on "ITC Conference Grants" from the menu available to the left. All applicants must have an e-COST profile complete with bank account information.
2. All applicants must complete, submit and download their ITC Conference Grant application from the e-COST system.
3. All applicants must send their submitted ITC Conference Grant application form and the relevant supporting documents: the submitted ITC Conference Grant application form including the budget and a short C.V. including scientific degrees obtained (with dates), current position, previous work experience/positions and a list of academic publications – if applicable, to eurelax@matman.uwm.edu.pl
4. The application will be evaluated by the group of the Action Chair, Vice-Chair, WG Leaders and STSM Coordinator.