



COST Action CA20117

Converting molecular profiles of myeloid cells into biomarkers for inflammation and cancer

Open Call for Applications for bi- or tri-lateral Short-Term Scientific Missions

Application deadline: 15th June 2023

Send applications to: Dr Annika Bruger, Grant Awarding Coordinator
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Short-term Scientific Missions (STSMs) in brief:

- Travel/mobility grants to visit a foreign research institution to conduct short scientific activities that further the COST Actions goals
- *Note: COST does NOT offer STSM grants to an institution within the SAME country*
- Researchers (incl. PhD students) from countries participating in the Mye-InfoBank COST Action
- **This call:**
 - WG 1-3
 - Mye-InfoBank bi- or tri-lateral lab exchanges
 - To take place within the time span of June – September 2023

What are STSMs?

Short-term Scientific Missions (STSMs) are exchange visits for researchers within their Action. This exchange programme facilitates individuals – especially Young Researchers under the age of 40 - to conduct scientific activities at an institution or laboratory based **in a different country**, which is also part of the Action. STSMs are great opportunities for researchers to share techniques and gain skills that may not be available at their home institution or laboratory.

STSMs in Mye-InfoBank should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action (please also refer to Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)).

Preference will be given to those STSMs that link the aims and activities of two or more working groups (WG).

Who is eligible?

The STSM applicant must be engaged in an official research programme as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organisation or legal entity which has within its remit a clear association with performing research.

The STSM application will be evaluated and selected based on the following criteria:

- Excellence of the written proposal.
- Geographical and gender balance issues are taken into consideration and ECIs will be privileged.
- Priority is given to applicants from inclusiveness target countries, but others will be considered as well.
- The country of origin and the host country must be members of the Mye-InfoBank network (not the host or origin institution).

The application will then be assessed by the formally delegated persons in the Core Group against the perceived contribution that the proposed visit will make against the scientific objectives outlined in the Action's Memorandum of Understanding.

Financial support

On-site participants of selected STSMs from countries other than the hosting country will receive a grant upon approval. An absolute maximum of **EURO 3000 per STSM (bi- or tri-lateral lab exchange)** has been set by the Action and should be used as a **contribution towards travel, accommodation and meals for travelling participants**. The requested grant funding should be moderate, justified and reasonable for the both the geographical and time scope of the proposed STSM.

How to apply?

To apply, fill out the application form and return it to the Grant Awarding Coordinator, Dr Annika Bruger by email (annika.bruger@uclouvain.be).

Selected applicants will be notified and receive further instructions.

OPEN CALL STSM: Bi- or Tri-lateral Lab Exchange Application Form

Fill out all fields, keep to word limits.

Return to GAC Annika Bruger, annika.bruger@uclouvain.be

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STSM Title: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Working group(s): _____

STSM Host: _____

Affiliation: _____

Start/End Dates: _____

Grant request in €: _____

Grant Justification Breakdown:

◦ Travel: _____ ◦ Accommodation: _____

Goals of the STSM: (*max. 200 words*)

Working Plan: (*max. 500 words*)

Expected outputs and contribution to the Action MoU objectives and deliverables:

(max. 500 words)

Motivation:

After the STSM

After completion of the STSM, the grantee is required to submit the following documents to the E-COST platform within 30 days:

- Scientific report, including:
 - Purpose of the STSM
 - Description of the work undertaken
 - Description of the main results
 - Future collaborations or other output resulting from the STSM
 - Template: http://www.cost.eu/STSM_report_template
- The STSM host's approval of the report.

The submission of the supporting documents is mandatory or the Grant is cancelled. Late submission, beyond the deadline, can also lead to the cancellation of the Grant and, in cases when a pre-payment was done, the obligatory reimbursement by the grantee of the amount received.

A scientific report template is available on the Supporting documents page or on-line here: http://www.cost.eu/STSM_report_template The STSM grantee must complete this template and save it in pdf before uploading it in e-COST. The host approval of the report can be an email confirming that the STSM took place and the goals outlined in the Work plan were reached.

Grantees may be asked to write reports of the STSM for the Mye-InfoBank website or to present the results of the STSM within the Mye-InfoBank network.