

## **Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM)**

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### **What STSM is**

Mobility Grants aimed at promoting individual mobility, strengthening ERNST networks, and fostering collaboration between PhD students, residents, and young researchers pursuing the objectives of the COST Action 19113.

More information <https://www.cost.eu/cost-actions-event/action-networking-tools/>

### **Who can apply**

The STSM applicant can be any person with an e-COST profile. An STSM applicant must specifically contribute to the research coordination and capacity building objectives of the COST Action for which they are submitting a STSM application.

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

We particularly welcome applications from PhD students, residents and young researchers, both from within and outside the ERNST Consortium, that explore and explain how their participation can contribute to the COST Action 19113 objectives.

### **What kind of expenses are covered by STSM funding?**

The STSM Mobility does not necessarily cover all expenses related to performing a given mission. The grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the grantee.

During the second grant period this financial contribution for each STSM grant must respect the following criteria:

- Up to a maximum of EUR 2,500 in total can be awarded to each successful STSM applicant; of which up to a maximum of EUR 150 per day can be awarded for accommodation and meal expenses. Daily amount depends of country.
- Up to a maximum of EUR 400 can be awarded for travel costs.
- Important: Participant has to submit the report about STSM main achievements and claim for payment of the approved grant after the STSM performed. Once the activity has ended, the grantee submits the required reports and relevant documentation in e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first.

### **When to apply**

March 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>

### **How to apply**

The applicant encodes an STSM application by logging into e-COST and clicking on the STSM application tab.

Any already submitted applications are available for consultation in the applicant's e-COST profile. To submit a new application, the applicant clicks on 'Create a new STSM Request'.

You can follow the information provided by COST Association <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2018/11/STSM-userguide-for-website-Oct-2018.pdf>

The following documents must also be upload on the COST Action 19113 website (<https://cost-ernst.eu/calls/>):

- A document generated by e-COST,
- A motivation letter including a work plan detailing the proposed activities. The work plan should describe goals, description of the work to be carried out by the applicant, expected outcomes and description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives,
- A support letter from the Home Institution,
- A CV, including a list of academic publications if applicable.

### **What COST Action 19113 objectives are**

MoU objectives of the COST Action 19113 are available <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA19113/>

More information <https://cost-ernst.eu>

### **How applicants will be assessed**

The applications will be ranked by the STSM responsible together with the WGs leaders based on:

- Research career in line with the work proposal to be carried out.
- Feasibility of the approach proposed,
- Benefit to the development of the COST Action 19113

The selection will follow the COST policies on inclusiveness (gender, age, geography).

The final ranking will be approved by the Action Chair and Co-Chair.

The researchers who applied to the call will receive the results of the selection from the STSM Coordinator in their mail.

The selected researchers should wait for the official invitation from the Grant Holder before booking any travel arrangements.

### **Scholars' duties**

Respecting basic principles of health research

Respect the standards of the COST Association and COST Action 19113.

Attend on the scheduled dates and actively participate in the planned activities.

Submit the activity report up to 30 days after STSM.

### **Other information**

<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/04/Vademecum-28-April-2021.pdf>

<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/10/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-2021-11-01-1.pdf>

### **Website**

1. To include all this information
2. To open a specific space to include name of applicant, home institution, Host institution, agree with rules and upload documents