

COST Action CA23132: "Magnetic Particle Imaging for next-generation theranostics and medical research" (NexMPI)

Guide to COST Grants for Individuals

This is a brief guide to the various grants provided through the Action for individuals. The complete details can be found in the Annotated Rules. Here we focus on the practical aspects.

Abbreviations:

ITC: Inclusiveness Target Country:

EU Member States: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary (with restrictions), Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia.

not EU Member States: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, Ukraine.

NNC: Near Neighbour Country: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus (currently suspended), Egypt, the Faroe Islands, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Russia (currently suspended), Syria, Tunisia.

YRI: Young Researchers and Innovators (individuals <40 years old).

The grants are open to everyone, regardless of affiliation, type of employment, academic level and status etc., except as specified in each type of grant.

SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS (STSMs)

Short-Term Scientific Mission grant funds a visit to a host organization located in a different country than the country of affiliation by a researcher or innovator for specific work to be carried out and for a determined period of time.

<i>Country of applicant:</i>	any
<i>Age of applicant:</i>	any
<i>Max. amount:</i>	4,000 € per grant

VIRTUAL MOBILITY (VM)

Virtual Mobility grant consists of a collaboration in an [online](#) setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, etc.

Examples of activities that can be performed by the VM grantee are:

- Virtual mentoring scheme, with special focus on activities and exchanges that can generate capacity building and new skills, particularly for YRIs (e.g. managerial skills, methodological skills, communication skills, etc);

- To support the harmonisation and standardisation of methods and procedures within the Action networking activities, e.g.
 - setting up a survey amongst all Action members to collect different results and outcomes from
 - experiments done in their respective labs and research groups;
 - coordinating the discussions to create common protocols to be used by the network afterwards;
 - preparing questionnaires and response scales to be used by the Action members as part of online
 - networking activities.
- To support the implementation of research coordination related activities that do not necessarily require in-person presence, e.g.
 - computational or modelling activities;
 - data analysis of the Action for a specific report or activity.

<i>Country of applicant:</i>	any
<i>Age of applicant:</i>	any
<i>Max. amount:</i>	1,500 € per grant

ITC CONFERENCE

ITC Conference grant funds an [oral](#) presentation of their own work within the scope of the Action by an Action Participant affiliated to a legal entity located in an ITC/NNC in a high-level conference fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.

<i>Country of applicant:</i>	must be ITC
<i>Age of applicant:</i>	any
<i>Type of presentation:</i>	must be oral
<i>Max. amount:</i>	2,500 € per grant for face-to-face conferences 500 € per grant for online conferences

DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE

Dissemination Conference grant funds an [oral](#) presentation by an Action Participant of the work of the Action in a high-level conference fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.

<i>Country of applicant:</i>	any
<i>Age of applicant:</i>	any
<i>Type of presentation:</i>	must be oral
<i>Max. amount:</i>	2,500 € per grant for face-to-face conferences 500 € per grant for online conferences

YOUNG RESEARCHER AND INNOVATOR CONFERENCE

YRI Conference grant funds a presentation ([poster/oral](#) presentation) of their own work by a YRI in a high-level conference fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.

<i>Country of applicant:</i>	any
<i>Age of applicant:</i>	must be YRI (i.e. < 40 years of age)
<i>Type of presentation:</i>	oral or poster
<i>Max. amount:</i>	2,500 € per grant for face-to-face conferences 500 € per grant for online conferences

FURTHER INFORMATION

1. The application is submitted online, as described in the “COST Grant Awarding User Guide”.
2. The amount awarded may be less than the amount requested. This depends on the Action’s finances, future expenditures etc.
3. We strongly encourage potential applicants to contact the Science Awarding Coordinator, Dr. Sofia Costa Lima (slima@icbas.up.pt), *well before* you apply for a grant. This will help ensure that the specific requirements of each grant are fulfilled, that funds are available and that COST is properly acknowledged in the abstract.