

SHORT-TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSION (STSM)

Short-term scientific missions (STSM) are exchange visits between researchers involved in a COST Action, allowing scientists to visit an institution or laboratory in another COST country. They are aimed at fostering collaboration, sharing new techniques and infrastructure that may not be available in other participants' institutions or laboratories. **STSM are intended especially for young researchers or early career investigators (ECI). ECIs are researchers within a time span of up to 8 years from the date they obtained the PhD/doctorate.**

APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Name:

Home Institution:

Country:

Date of application:

Name of the investigator at host institution:

Host Institution:

Department:

Title of the STSM:

Start Date (planned):

End Date (planned):

(The minimum duration for an STSM is 5 days, maximum duration is 180 days (if you are an ECI), or 90 days (if you are not an ECI).

Are you a PhD/doctorate student?:

Are you an Early Career Investigator according to the above definition?:

Gender:

PROPOSAL

A) Proposal: Motivation and Workplan summary (60 points)

(Maximum 250 words for each of the sections, i.e. A1-A4 respectively)

1. Aim & motivation (25 points)

Please explain the scientific and/or other motivation for the STSM and what scientific and/or other outcomes you aim to accomplish with the STSM. Please describe how you will share or disseminate the knowledge gained during the STSM. Also include information on how you plan to acknowledge COST action funding for this visit.

2. Proposed contribution to the scientific objectives of the Cost Action (15 points).

3. Techniques (10 points)

Please provide detail, including on the techniques or equipment you may learn to use, if applicable.

4. Planning (10 points)

Please detail the steps you will take to achieve your proposed aim. This section should include a preliminary time line of your plans (including preparation before the stipendium, during and also after the STSM). Please include the planned timing of your literature search, getting started and the actual doing of the research, analysis and preparation of a report).

B) Curriculum Vitae (40 points)

1. Participation in scientific projects or consortiums throughout your research career thus far. Please indicate if as a Principal Investigator or as Collaborator, national or international, public or private. (15 points)

2. Scientific publications. Please indicate quartile (ranking / index) and leadership if this applies. (20 points)

3. Other achievements. Include any other relevant information here, including whether you have other finances available for the planned visit and if so which, and whether you have received any COST action grant previously, with some detail. (5 points)

PLEASE NOTE:

Applicants will receive feedback on whether their application was successful or not. The evaluation committee's verdict is final and appeal is not possible.