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COST-ISCH Domain | Call for Conference Grant for Early Stage Researchers | Deadline: 31 October 2012

Background:

As part of the COST strategy for Early Stage Researchers (ESR) the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) has introduced a support measure, the Conference Grant for Early Stage Researchers. The ISCH Domain offers 3 supporting grants (max. 3.000 EUR each) per year for ESRs to participate in an international conference **outside** of the COST Action activities ([COST Strategy for Early Stage Researchers, COST doc. 295/09](#)).

Conditions for Funding:

1. The definition of the term “Early Stage Researchers” is based on the time that elapses between the date of the PhD/Doctorate (or similar experience) and the date of involvement in the COST Action. If this time span is less than 8 years, a person fits the definition of an ESR. Periods of career leave, if any, are added to the 8 year time span. **Note that PhD/Doctorate students are NOT eligible!**
2. The applicant has to be part of a running COST Action within the ISCH Domain (either as a Management Committee member or as a member of a Working Group/research team involved in the Action).
3. The conference under consideration should take place in the time between one month and 6 months after the Call deadline, i.e. from 1 December 2012 to 28 April 2013.
4. The Grant can be used to cover travel and subsistence costs, conference fees, and the costs of conference workshops. The maximum amount an applicant can request is 3.000 EUR.
5. In order to be eligible for this Grant, an **accepted oral contribution** to the conference under consideration (e.g. presentation, panel discussion, etc.) is required. **Poster sessions are not eligible.**
6. An Early Stage Researcher can – without exceptions – be funded only once under the Conference Grant for Early Stage Researchers scheme.
7. Early Stage Researchers from non-COST countries are not eligible to apply.



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Application Procedure:

Within the ISCH Domain there are three Calls for Conference Grants for Early Stage Researchers per year. The next application deadline is 31 October 2012.

The application for the Grant must be sent via e-mail **by the Chair of the Action's Management Committee** to the COST Office (andreas.obermaier@cost.eu), using the subject line:

'ISCH Call for ESR Conference Grant - October 2012 - Action [fill in with Action number]'

Each Action can submit only one application per Call.

The application must contain the following information:

- Fully completed Application Form (see attachment)
- Short scientific CV
- Copy of Abstract/Paper submitted to the Conference
- Proof of acceptance of Abstract/Paper

After an eligibility check by the COST Office, applications will be forwarded to the Domain Committee's Executive Group, which takes the final decision on behalf of the Domain Committee. Management Committee Chairs will then be informed by the COST Office about the outcome of the assessment, within 1 month of the application deadline.

Selection Criteria:

- What is the benefit of the conference for the current research of the ESR?
- How can the conference help to develop the career of the applicant?
- What is the benefit for the COST Action?

Administration:

1. The Grant is managed by the COST Office as a direct payment to the beneficiary (successful applicant) and is subject to COST reimbursement rules. The beneficiary will receive a Grant letter that must be signed and returned to the COST Office.
2. Within one month after attending the Conference, the beneficiary must provide the COST Office with a written report on his/her participation at the conference.

Questions regarding the application procedure may be addressed to the Science Officer of the ISCH Domain, Andreas Obermaier (andreas.obermaier@cost.eu).