

COST Action CA15208 - RANCARE

Call Number 4

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) Applications

4th call for STSM applications for missions occurring between 20th January 2019 - 15th March 2019

All STSM activities must occur in their entirety within the dates specified above

Purpose of a Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM)

STSM facilitates Researchers from COST Countries participating in COST Action CA15208 to go to an institution, organisation or research centre in another participating COST Country to foster collaboration and to perform empirical research. Participation of "Early Career Investigators" (ECI) in STSM is particularly encouraged. An applicant can be considered as being an ECI when the time that has elapsed between the award date of the applicants PhD and the date of the applicants first involvement in the COST Action CA15208 does not exceed 8 years. PhD students are also eligible to partake in STSMs.

Specific information concerning STSM

STSM can have a duration of between 5 days and 90 days (and up to 180 days if the applicant is an ECI – see definition of ECI above and section 8 of Vademecum).

The financial support on offer is a contribution to the overall expenses incurred during the STSM and may not necessarily cover all of the associated outgoings.

The following funding conditions apply and must be respected:

1. up to a maximum of EUR 2 500 in total can be afforded to each successful STSM applicant;
2. up to a maximum of EUR 160 per day can be afforded for accommodation and meal expenses;
3. for ECIs, a maximum amount of EUR 3500 can be afforded to the Grantee for STSMs with a duration of between 91 and 180 days – For ECIs partaking STSMs with a duration of between 5 and 90 days, the limit of EUR 2 500 must be respected;
4. STSM activities must occur in their entirety within the dates specified in this call.

Financial support is limited to cover travel, accommodation and meal expenses and is paid in the form of a Grant.

For this call, the Management Committee of COST Action CA15208 - Rationing-Missed Nursing Care: An International and Multidimensional Problem, has allocated a total budget of **5000 euro** for **2** STSM. The amount granted for the STSM will be determined during the evaluation process by the formally appointed committee. The selection of applicants is based on the scientific scope of the STSM application which must clearly compliment the overall objectives of the Action.

How to apply for an STSM:

Interested researchers can apply by following the directions provided below and submitting their application and supporting documents through e-cost platform, by the deadline of the **10th of January 2019**

THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **All applicants must carefully read** the funding rules detailed in Section 8 of the *COST Vademecum*.
2. All applicants must register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/> - adding their bank account details to their profile.
3. All applicants must obtain a letter of invitation from the Host institution confirming that they can undertake the STSM on the given dates prior to submitting an application.
4. All applicants must complete, submit and download their STSM applications online at: www.cost.eu/STSM.

The list of supporting documents to be submitted for the evaluation are:

- Letter of invitation to the applicant from a senior researcher affiliated to the Host institution
 - A motivation letter including an overview of the proposed activities that will be performed which must contain a plan of work for the visit highlighting the proposed contribution to the scientific objectives of the respective COST Action;
 - A letter of support from the Home Institution;
 - A Full C.V. (including a list of academic publications – if applicable).
5. The application will then be assessed by the formally delegated **comitee against the perceived contribution that the proposed visit will make against the scientific objectives outlined in the Action's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**.
 6. The applicant will be formally notified of the outcome of their STSM application by **the Grant Holder of the Action** by the **15th of January 2019**.
 7. Within 30 days from the end date of the STSM, the successful applicant must submit to the STSM Coordinator - through the applicant's e-COST profile - a scientific report as well and its approval by the host institution. Failure to submit the scientific report within 30 days from the end date of the STSM will effectively cancel the Grant. The scientific report will be evaluated against the aims of RANCARE and if approved, the grant will be paid. The STSM coordinator reserves the right to distribute the approved scientific report to the management committee of RANCARE.

(Please note that the COST Association can request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by STSM applicants).

For further information, interested applicants may contact the STSM Coordinator, Dr Georgios Efstathiou, at stsms@rancare-action.eu

Deadline for applications to be submitted: 10th January 2019

Notification of application outcome: 15th January 2019

Period of STSM: between 20th January 2019 and 15th March 2019

