

COST Action CA15208 - RANCARE

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) Applications

1st call for STSM applications for missions occurring between **15th July 2019 -15th March 2020**

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.

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 June 2019**.

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 through ecost platform

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).

The application will be assessed by the formally delegated **committee against the perceived contribution that the proposed visit will make against the scientific objectives outlined in the Action’s Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**.

The applicant will be formally notified of the outcome of their STSM application by **the Grant Holder of the Action** by the **20th of June 2019**.

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 george.efstathiou@cytanet.com.cy

Deadline for applications to be submitted: 10th June 2019

Notification of application outcome: 20th June 2019

Period of STSM : between 15th July 2019 and 15th March 2020