

COST Action CA15208 - RANCARE

Call Number 3 Grant Period 2

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) Applications

3rd call for STSM Applications for Missions Occurring between **1st January 2018 - 8th April 2018**

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 applicant's PhD and the date of the applicant's first involvement in the COST Action CA15208 does not exceed 8 years. PhD students are also eligible to partake in STSM.

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).

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 STSM 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 Call 3, (Grant Period 2), the Management Committee of COST Action CA15208 - Rationing-Missed Nursing Care: An International and Multidimensional Problem, has allocated a total budget of **2500 euros** for **1** STSM. The amount granted 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 by the deadline of the **10th of December 2017**.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. All applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in Section 7 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 complete, submit and download their STSM application online at: www.cost.eu/STSM.

All applicants must also send their submitted STSM application form and the relevant supporting documents to Dr Georgios Efstathiou, STSM coordinator, at stsms@rancare-action.eu.

The list of supporting documents to be submitted for the evaluation are (please check also Vademecum):

- 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) (located at http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA15208?management)

The applicant will be formally notified of the outcome of their STSM application **by the 20th of December 2017**.

Within 30 days from the end date of the STSM, the successful applicant must submit a scientific report and an official acceptance letter / Email confirmation of acceptance of the scientific report from a senior Researcher affiliated to the Host Institution. Failure to submit the above within 30 days from the end date of the STSM will effectively cancel the Grant.

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

Deadline for applications to be submitted: 10th December 2017

Notification of application outcome: 20th December 2017

Period of STSM: between 1st January 2018 and 8th April 2018

Further information: Dr Georgios Efstathiou, stsms@rancare-action.eu
<https://www.rancare-action.eu/call-for-participation/stsm/>