

Short-Term Scientific Missions (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.

Please follow this link to apply for a [Short-term scientific mission](#) (link opens in new window).

STSMs must respect the following criteria:

1. They must have a minimum duration of 5 days.
2. They must have a maximum duration of 90 days.
3. STSM need to be carried out in their entirety within a single Grant Period and always within the Action's lifetime.

Specific additional provisions have been adopted by the CSO to encourage the participation of **Early Career Investigators (ECI)** in STSM.

To qualify for these specific provisions, the following conditions apply:

1. The mission must have a minimum duration of 91 days.
2. The mission must have a maximum duration of 180 days.
3. STSM performed by ECI need to be carried out in their entirety within a single Grant Period and always within the Action's lifetime.

Financial contribution for STSM:

Up to a maximum of EUR 2 500 in total can be afforded to each successful STSM applicant;

Criteria for ECIs:

Up to a maximum of EUR 3 500 in total can be afforded to ECIs for missions with a duration of between 91 and 180 days;

The following information has to be encoded with the registration:

1. the Action number;
2. the title of the planned STSM;
3. the start and end date;
4. the applicant's details, including key academic details and work plan;
5. the applicant's bank details;
6. the host institution's;
7. financial data (amount for travel and subsistence).

After encoding the information via the on-line registration tool will issue a formal STSM application which has to be downloaded and sent by the applicant electronically (by e-mail as attachment) together with:

- 1. CV**
- 2. Full work plan**
- 3. Motivation letter**
- 4. Letter of support from the home institute**
- 5. Letter of acceptance from the host Institution**

to:

to the STSM coordinator (Daniele Passarella: daniele.passarella@unimi.it) and in Cc to the MC chair (Bruno Botta: bruno.botta@uniroma1.it) and to the Secretary of the Action (Ioana Stupariu: natchemdrugs@gmail.com).

The Grant Holder will send to the Applicant a Grant letter in which he/she is informed about:

- a) the approval of the STSM and;
- b) the level of the financial Grant given.

The Applicant has to return this Grant letter, after accepting the grant with his/her signature.

After completion of the STSM:

The grantee is required to submit to the host institution and to the STSM coordinator (Daniele Passarella: daniele.passarella@unimi.it) and in Cc to the MC chair (Bruno Botta: bruno.botta@uniroma1.it) and to the Secretary of the Action (Ioana Stupariu: natchemdrugs@gmail.com) an **Acceptance letter** and a **Short scientific report on the visit within 4 weeks after his/her stay.**

It should contain the following information:

- purpose of the STSM;
- description of the work carried out during the STSM;
- description of the main results obtained;
- future collaboration with host institution (if applicable);
- foreseen publications/articles resulting or to result from the STSM (if applicable);
- confirmation by the host institution of the successful execution of the STSM;

- other comments (if any)