



1st Call for Short Term Scientific (STSM) Applications

For this initial call, 10 STSM are available for funding in the current round covering the period 1st August 2013 to 30th April 2014. The maximum amount of funding per STSM is 2,400 Euros. Please consider taking advantage of the opportunity.

Deadline for submission of Applications:
No less than 4 weeks before planned start of the STSM
Deadline for completion of the STSM: April 30th, 2014

Aim of STSM

STSMs aim at strengthening existing networking activities within the Action. All participants are encouraged to apply, especially PhD students and early Stage Researchers. The purpose of the STSMs is to support working visits to laboratories and institutions of COST Action FP1205 member countries. STSMs should last for a minimum of 5 working days and a maximum of 3 months.

It is important to note that the complete STSM application file (see below) must be received by the Action's Grant Holder no less than 4 weeks before the planned start of the STSM.

Application Procedure

- Applications must be made online using the official COST registration tool which can be found at www.cost.eu/stsm
- The information required for the application includes: dates of STSM, length of stay, title of planned scientific activity, short description of the work-plan, short CV and a budget request (to cover travel and living expenses during the STSM)
- In addition to the information required by the COST Office, applicants should also provide the following information to the Action Chair (Åsa Östlund: asa.ostlund@sp.se), preferably in pdf format:
 - a short abstract of the scope of the STSMs (1/2 page)
 - a plan of the work to be carried out (1 page, approx.)
 - a covering letter stating the benefits to be obtained from the STSM
 - full CV
 - letter of agreement from the host institution

Evaluation Criteria

The applications will be assessed by the Action's Core Group and will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- scientific quality
- relevance to the Action
- benefit to applicant's

STSMs for periods of one to two weeks would be preferable and may be given priority. The final decision on the approval of the STMs applications should be expected within two weeks of submission.

For any additional information please contact Åsa Östlund at asa.ostlund@sp.se.