

European Medicines Shortages Research Network - addressing supply problems to patients

COST Action “Medicines Shortages” (CA15105)

SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

Call for Participant Applications: Conference Grants are available!

Conference Grants (CG) are aimed at supporting researchers from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) ¹ to attend high profile international science and technology related events, which contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action “Medicines Shortages” (CA15105). Applying conference participants should be affiliated members of an institution in an ITC country. Attendance at European conferences is preferred; conferences held elsewhere can be also considered. The amount of conference fee limit is EUR 500 and the maximum amount of subsistence is EUR 160 per day.

Now we are inviting especially for submission of applications for conferences where attendance must start and end by 30-th of April 2019 (i.e. within the current Grant Period, for which the electronic system e-COST is now open).

However, if applicants are planning their attendance in conferences later in the future (between 01-st of May 2019 and 30-th of April 2020 – for this subsequent Grant Period the application system has not been opened yet), they are invited to send required documents (placed under point 5 bellow) by email: aurelija.burinskiene@vgtu.lt. The applications are now processed on a “first arrived – first processed” basis.

You can find more information on CA15105 “Medicines Shortages” on webpages:

<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA15105/#tabs|Name:overview>

<http://www.medicinesshortages.eu/>

General information on COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) can be found at: <http://www.cost.eu/>

¹ The following countries are considered **ITC**: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.

Who can apply?

Early Career Investigators (ECI)² and PhD students, who are affiliated members of an institution in ITC country, could apply. Currently, 23 countries are announced as ITC.

The application requirements

The application must be submitted into e-COST system and completed 14 days before Conference event. Currently we invite to submitting applications for conferences starting and ending by 30th of April 2019. If Grant Period is not active, the applicant will not be able to submit an application.

The application for CG must be in accordance with “Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference Grants. User Guide.” (Available: <https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Inclusiveness-Target-Countries-Conference-Grants-userguide-V2-003-Oct-2018-1.pdf>) .

The detailed information on applications’ assessment and eligibility, as well as specific rules concerning financial support, can be found in the following documents:

- “COST Vademecum” (Available: <https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/COSTVademecum.pdf>);
- “Guidelines for COST Action Management, Monitoring and Final Assessment” (Available: [https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Guidelines Action management monitoring assessment-1.pdf](https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Guidelines_Action_management_monitoring_assessment-1.pdf))

The application process

1. The applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in “COST Vademecum”.
2. The applicant encodes an ITC CG application by logging into e-COST system and clicking on the ITC Conference Grants tab. The applicants must have an e-COST profile created with bank account information.
3. The applicants must obtain acceptance letter from the conference organizers, confirming that their presentation is included into speaking slot or poster presentation given by applicant is accepted.
4. The applicants must complete, submit, and download the ITC CG application from the e-COST-system.
5. In summary, the supporting documents are:
 - a) the submitted ITC CG application form, including the budget (as point 4, downloadable when the online application is submitted at e-COST);
 - b) a short description of contribution to the scientific objectives of the COST

² ECI is defined by COST as a researcher whose career span less than 8 years between the date of the PhD/doctorate.

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- c) a short CV, including the scientific degrees (with dates), affiliation, the current position and a list of academic publications – if applicable;
- d) acceptance letter from Conference organizers;
- e) a copy of the abstract or poster submitted to the conference.

Information about upcoming conferences can be found e.g. on the following web portals:

- <https://euagenda.eu/>
- <https://www.pharmaceuticalconferences.com/>
- and also in Google documents:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1W0sBMwjBiwNtZT9juQ2RRfNZVQAhD7tPdHOLeowP9Ds/edit#gid=0>

Please, choose only such conferences, which meet the eligibility criteria.

The selection criteria

The application will be assessed by ITC Conference Grants Coordinator in cooperation with CA15105 Core Group against the perceived contribution that the proposed CG will make against the scientific objectives outlined in the Action’s Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), namely:

- scientific contribution in the scope of CA15105 “Medicines Shortages”;
- relevance to the Action;
- cooperation with Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) as in http://www.cost.eu/about_cost/strategy/excellence-inclusiveness

The CG will be approved by the Management Committee (MC) of the COST Action “Medicines Shortages”, under the proposal of Conference Grants Coordinator within CA15105. Successful applicants will be able to retrieve Grant letter after notification.

Final report

After the Conference is finished, the grantee is required to submit a report in e-COST system, no later than 30 days after the end date of Conference event. For the specific content of the final report, please refer to the “COST Vademecum”. Please note that the reimbursement will be done after the Conference event is over and the final report is submitted by the Grant Holder for approval. Failure to submit the scientific report within 30 days will cancel the grant.