

EURO-CHOLANGIO-NET COST Action CA18122

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS Investigators to participate in Short-term Scientific Missions

About Short-Term Scientific Missions:

EURO-CHOLANGIO-NET (European Cholangiocarcinoma Network) is actively seeking investigators to take part in short-term scientific missions (STSMs) in COST Action member countries or at approved institutions. STSMs are training initiatives that have a minimum duration of at least 5 days (including travel). The aims of STSMs are to promote collaboration and exchanges between participating institutions by providing investigators with the opportunity to visit institutions of scientific excellence in order to learn techniques or expertise that may be lacking at the local institution.

Successful applicants will receive a STSM grant to be applied towards their overall travel, accommodation, and meal expenses according to the following scheme:

- Up to a maximum of EUR 3 500 in total can be afforded to each successful applicant;
- Up to a maximum of EUR 160 per day can be afforded for accommodation and meal expenses;
- Up to a maximum of EUR 300 can be afforded for travel costs.

What we are looking for:

We are seeking investigators to take part in short-term scientific missions. STSM applicants must be engaged in an official research programme as a PhD student or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organisation, or legal entity which has within its remit a clear association with performing research.

We invite interested investigators to submit their proposals that address how we can achieve the objectives of our Action, with particular reference to the development and dissemination of registries and the main working group projects. Proposals will be selected on the basis of scientific excellence, young researcher participation, gender equality, geographical inclusiveness, and inclusiveness target country involvement.

Please refer to the Memorandum of Understanding on our website for more information about our Action, deliverable objectives, implementation strategies, and working groups:

<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18122/#downloads>

Please refer to Section 8 of our Vademecum for more information on STSM eligibility:

https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Vademecum_June2019.pdf

How to apply:

Interested candidates can apply by submitting a motivation and workplan summary of approximately 2000 words which includes:

1. Aim & motivation - Please explain the scientific and/or other motivation for the STSM and what scientific and/or other outcomes you aim to accomplish with the STSM.
2. Proposed contribution to the scientific objectives of the Action.
3. Techniques - Please detail what techniques or equipment you may learn to use, if applicable.
4. Planning - Please detail the steps you will take to achieve your proposed aim.

Candidates must submit their STSM applications online at the following web address: <https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm>

The deadline for applicants is **Dec. 31, 2019**.

All STSMs must be completed by April 30, 2020.

