



e-COST

European Network for Translational Research in Children's and Adult Interstitial Lung Disease

COST Action 16125: ENTeR-child

Short Term Scientific Missions are an exciting additional resource available through the Training School, which aim to expand the training opportunities for both researchers and centres engaged in the diagnosis, clinical management and research on ChILD.

Several STSM's, up to 2,500 Euros each, are available each year and are aimed at supporting individual mobility and strengthening existing networks and collaborations. Applicants may use the bursary to visit an institution or laboratory in any participating COST country or approved NNC and IPC centre (see attached). An STSM should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action, whilst allowing applicants to learn new techniques and practical skills. Applicants should consider if this aim is best achieved by visiting another institution or inviting an expert to a developing chILD centre to provide on-site training and expertise. STSM's will be prioritised to provide training and skill acquisition for developing centres and for ground breaking collaborations.

The application process is now open to young researchers and developing teams who wish to travel and gain experience in a centre of excellence, or to centres developing research or clinical programmes in ChILD who may wish to invite an expert to come and train their teams in house.

Applications for STSM's: Please submit your application using the application criteria as laid out below.

1. Applications must be made through the COST website <https://e-services.cost.eu/w3/index.php?id=91>. Please use the COST Action number CA16125.
2. Applications must fulfill the following STSM guidelines:
“A STSM should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action, while at the same time allowing applicants to learn new techniques or gain access to specific instruments and/or methods not available in their own institutions.”
3. Supporting documents must include:
 - a. A short CV
 - b. A supporting letter from your supervisor authorizing the STSM
 - c. A supporting letter from the Host Institution, authorizing your trip.
4. Please outline timelines in terms of dates of the visit. STSM’s can be of any duration between 5 and 90 days.
5. All expenses must conform to COST rules. Guidelines all available on the website.
6. Applicants must ensure they have any additional funding needed in place.
7. Applicants must arrange their own health care insurance relevant to the country visited.
8. The STSM is valid only within the financial year of the application. The applicant must have completed the visit and submitted a report of their visit within this financial period (**before april 30th**).
9. Costs will be reimbursed on receipt of the end of visit report and submission of receipts.
10. Applicants from ITC will be eligible to receive a 50% advance on their grant money as soon as their STSM application has been approved, this will help towards upfront costs for travel and accommodation (The following countries are considered ITC: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey).

Attached is an updated guide to the STSM process.

Deadline for submission End of January April 30th.

Early submissions can be approved within 30 days after submission if needed. Please send your request also to epaud.inserm@gmail.com