

Short Term Scientific Missions in INDEPTH
COST Action CA1 6212
4th Call for STSM Application

Dear colleagues,

We are delighted to announce the opening of the 4th call for **Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM)** of the COST Action **INDEPTH: Impact on Nuclear Domains On Gene Expression and Plants Traits**. The key dates for the call are listed in the table below.

Number of expected STSMs	3-4
Deadline for application	30 January 2019
Decision on application is made by	01 February 2019
STSM can be started from	02 February 2019
STSM must be completed by	31 March 2019
Note: scientific reports must be provided before 25 April 2019.	

Early Career Investigators (ECIs¹) and applicants from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC²) are particularly encouraged.

The proposals will be judged by the Core group of the Action (Chair, Vice-Chair, Main proposer, WG leaders and STSM coordinator) and **successful candidates will be notified by the Grant Holder manager.**

Short Term Scientific Missions

- Are exchange visits between researchers (PhD student, postdoc or permanent staff) from a COST member country involved in INDEPTH, allowing scientists from the home institution to visit a host institution from **another COST member country**;
- aimed at fostering collaboration, sharing new techniques and infrastructure that may not be available in other participants' institutions;
- are of minimum of 5 calendar days and a maximum of 90 calendar days;
- should support the Action in achieving at least one its specific objectives listed below:
 1. Generate standardized protocols in 3D imaging of the nucleus (WG1), nuclear proteomics (WG2), chromatin domains (WG2), phenotyping during development & under stress conditions (WG3);
 2. Collect plant data sets in 3D imaging of the nucleus (WG1), nuclear proteomics (WG2), chromatin domains (WG2), phenotyping during development & under stress conditions (WG3);
 3. Perform analyses using the collected datasets to predict the nuclear protein interactome (WG4);
 4. Create new application tools such as new softwares (WG1, WG4), new bioinformatic pipelines to predict Protein-Protein Interactions (PPI) (WG4) and periodicity and distribution patterns (WG4);
 5. Promote synergies between model and cultivated plant species; foster the transfer of knowledge between model and cultivated species and creation of intellectual property in image analysis.

¹ An early career investigator is a PhD student or a postdoc with less than 7 years of experience since completion of PhD.

² ITCs are: 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.

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Financial Support will be a fixed grant based on the applicant's budget request and the evaluation of the application by the STSM assessment committee covering travel and subsistence (details in the attached document: Short_Term_Scientific_Missions.pdf).

How to apply for a STSM

- 1- To apply, please register at e-COST and complete the online application form at www.cost.eu/stsm This is required to get reimbursed after completion of the STSM. In case of problems with registering, contact the STSM Coordinator (Laszlo KOZMA-BOGNAR, kozma_bognar.laszlo@brc.mta.hu).
- 2- send the following documents to the STSM Coordinator and to the Chair (Christophe TATOUT, christophe.tatout@uca.fr):
 - written agreement of the **host institution**,
 - letter of support from the **home institution** (written agreement from the supervisor or group leader),
 - supporting documents:
 - **CV** of max. 2 pages,
 - **scientific work plan** of max. 2 pages [max. 4 pages for long ECI-STSM],
 - **list of publications**,
 - **covering letter** (indicating the specific objective to which the proposed STSM is related),
 - **cost estimate** for travel and subsistence.

Please consult the **COST Vademecum** for more details on eligibility for application and the reimbursement rules. Be aware that you need to provide a written report within 4 weeks after return from the STSM in order to get reimbursed.

Final report of the STSM

After the STSM is over, the grantee is required to submit a short scientific report to the host institution and to the STSM Coordinator no later than 15 days after the end of the STSM for approval, unless it is specified otherwise. For the specific content of this report, please refer to the **COST Vademecum**. Failure to submit the scientific report within 30 days will effectively cancel the grant. The STSM Coordinator is responsible for approving the scientific report and informing the *Grant Holder manager* (indepth@uca.fr) that the STSM has been successfully accomplished. After receipt of the approval, the *Grant Holder manager* will execute the payment of the grant.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

on behalf of the Core Group of the Action :
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