



COST Action CA18139

GEMSTONE

Genomics of Musculoskeletal
Traits Translational Network

STSM and VNT flash call 2022

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Flash Call for STSM/VM (2022)



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Application deadline

2 October 2022

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The applications will be evaluated by the Grant Awarding
Coordinator

and supported by the Grant Awarding Committee members

A decision can be expected no later than the 3rd of October
2022

What is a STSM?

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) are exchange visits aimed at

- supporting individual mobility
- strengthening existing and facilitating new networks
- fostering collaboration between COST Action participants

A STSM should specifically **contribute to the scientific objectives of GEMSTONE**, whilst at the same time allowing those partaking in the missions to

- to learn new techniques
- gain access to specific data, instruments, and/or methods not available in their own institutions / organizations



Eligibility Rules



Eligibility Rules: Who can apply?

STSM applicants shall be engaged in an official research program as

- a PhD Student
- postdoctoral fellow

OR

- can be employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organization or legal entity, which has within its remit a clear association with performing research

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Adherence to GEMSTONE's scientific objectives!

STSMs must contribute to the scientific objectives of one or more GEMSTONE working group:

- WG1: Study Populations and expertise groups
- WG2: Phenotyping
- WG3: Monogenic conditions – human KO models
- WG4: Functional investigations
- WG5: Bioinformatics
- WG6: Translational outreach

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in brief:

- All STSM must be completed by 23rd of October 2022
- Max 3,500 € in total to each STSM grantee (as decided by the MC for the current GP3)



Application Process

How to apply?

- A. Register to: <https://e-services.cost.eu>
- B. Go to <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants/add?type=STSM> and provide:
- your and your host's contact details
 - **Support Letter** from senior researcher affiliated to Home Institution
 - **Letter of Invitation** from a senior researcher affiliated to the Host Institution
 - STSM application form
 - **Motivation letter** including a work-plan detailing the proposed activities
 - Applicant's **full CV** (incl. list of academic publications – if applicable)

NOTE: it is very important to specify in the work-plan and motivation why and how your mission **will contribute to the GEMSTONE objectives and, in detail, which WGs will benefit from your mission**

Selection and Evaluation criteria

- Relevance of STSM with action objectives
- Relevance of Host Institutions expertise with STSM objectives
- Results of direct interest for/exploitable by GEMSTONE
- Younger candidates and PhD students will be prioritized
- Applicant with no previous STSM will be prioritized
- Preferably no other STSMs from same institution / country
- Gender balance
- Geographical dispersion with Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) prioritized

What is a VM?



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Virtual Mobility (VM) consists of a collaboration in a virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques etc.

Examples of VM

- Virtual mentoring scheme, with special focus on activities and exchanges that can generate capacity building and new skills, particularly for Young Researchers and Innovators (e.g. managerial skills, methodological skills, communication skills, etc);
- To support the harmonisation and standardisation of methods and procedures within the Action networking activities, e.g. o setting up a survey amongst all Action members to collect different results and outcomes from experiments done in their respective labs and research groups;
- coordinating the discussions to create common protocols to be used by the network afterwards;
- preparing questionnaires and response scales to be used by the Action members as part of virtual networking activities.
- To support the implementation of research coordination related activities that do not necessarily require in-person presence, e.g. o computational or modelling activities;
- data analysis of the Action for a specific report or activity.



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