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Genomics of Musculoskeletal
Traits Translational Network

ITC Conference Grant 3rd Call 2022-2023

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Application deadline

02.07.2023



The applications will be evaluated by the Grant Awarding
Coordinator

and supported by the Mobility Grants Committee members

A decision can be expected no later than **09.07.2023**

What is an ITC conference grant?



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ITC Conference consists in a presentation of the own work given by a YRI affiliated in a Inclusiveness Target country (ITC)/ Near Neighbour Country (NNC) for their participation in high-level conferences.

Benefit to ITC Conference Grantee: receives support for attending and presenting their work (poster/oral presentation) at a conference and can establish new contacts for future collaborations

Their presented work must be related to GEMSTONE research area



Eligibility Rules

Eligibility Rules: Who can apply?

Grant 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 in an Inclusiveness Target country (ITC)/ Near Neighbour Country (NNC) (see in the next slide)

- and
- have an accepted abstract for oral/poster presentation by the conference of interest

Eligibility Rules: Who can apply?

ITC applicants must be affiliated with an ITC or NNC

ITC: Albania*, Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Bulgaria, Cyprus*, Czech Republic, Estonia*, Croatia*, Greece*, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta*, Moldova*, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal*, Romania, Slovenia*, Slovakia, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia* and Turkey*

NNC: Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan*, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine

** Applicants from these countries will be prioritised since GEMSTONE has working group and management committee members working in these countries*

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For more information please refer to the COST Annotated rules (ANNEX 2)

<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2022/12/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-V1.3.pdf>

in brief:

- All funded projects must be completed and reports submitted by **22.10.2023**
- Max 2,000 € (in person conferences) or 500 € (virtual participation) in total to each ITC grantee upon provision of an estimation of expenses expected for the duration of the conference



Application Process

How to apply for ITC?



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- A. Register to: <https://e-services.cost.eu>
- B. Go to <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants/add?type=ITCG> and provide
 - **Application form** (template available on e-COST) describing: Relevance of the conference topic to the Action and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career
 - **Copy of the abstract** of the accepted oral or poster presentation
 - **Acceptance letter** from the conference organizers
 - **Recommendation letter** from direct supervisor

Selection and Evaluation criteria



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- Relevance of ITC with action objectives
- Results of direct interest for/exploitable by GEMSTONE
- Applicants that are YRI or PhD candidates will be prioritized
- Applicant with no previous ITC will be prioritized
- Gender balance



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Please start to make arrangements **NOW**

